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Schneiderlin, centre,
puts Saints ahead
against Swansea.

**Saints off bottom but defensive
blunder costs them vital victory**

SAINTS 1 SWANSEA 1

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SAINTS 1 SWANSEA 1: Old boy

DYER ERROR SAINTS VITAL

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There was plenty of support for under-pressure manager Nigel Adkins before kick-off, with banners displaying the fans' affection for the boss, while there were also chants of "One Nigel Adkins".

An impeccably-observed minute's silence, for the club's All Saints Day and also to mark Remembrance Sunday tomorrow, took place shortly before the start.

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A chipped ball over the top of the Saints defence after two minutes nearly set Wayne Routledge clear, but the ball spun back as the winger threatened to break away, allowing Jose Fonte to recover.

The visitors were retaining possession of the ball incredibly well, but Jason Puncheon reminded Michael Laudrup's men of the home side's threat, delivering a dangerous centre from the right which nearly picked out Rickie Lambert.

Puncheon was at the heart of another opportunity in the tenth minute, laying the ball back to Schneiderlin on the edge of the area, only for the Frenchman to shoot high and wide into the Northam Stand.

Adam Lallana went much closer when his volley on the turn forced a good save from

Gerhard Tremmel, before Gaston Ramirez curled a low shot that just went wide of the post.

Swansea's first real effort arrived after 20 minutes, as the ball was worked to Ki Sung-Yeung inside the corner of the area. He unleashed a powerful left foot drive that Gazzaniga had to turn round his near post.

Luke Shaw did well to snuff out a dangerous Pablo Hernandez run down the right after 25 minutes, before Ramirez lashed a left foot shot just wide from 20 yards.

Schneiderlin was the first player to go into referee Andre Marriner's book, picking up a caution for a late foul on Leon Britton.

Ashley Williams was also yellow carded moments later for an equally cynical bodycheck



on Ramirez.

From the resulting free-kick, the Uruguayan produced a disguised chip to the back post, finding Jose Fonte unmarked.

His ball across the face was blocked, before Fonte pounced on the rebound, only to be denied again at close range by Ben Davies.

Lallana had an appeal for a penalty turned down shortly afterwards, going to ground under pressure from Angel Rangel.

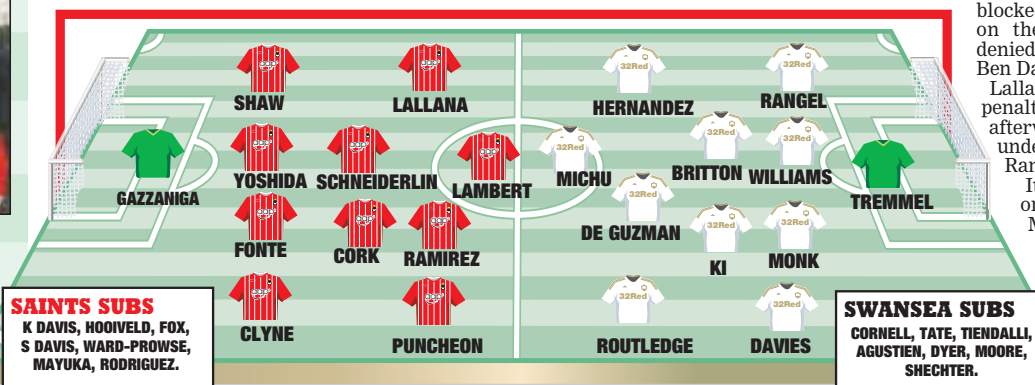
It would have been harsh on the visitors had Marriner awarded a spot kick, with the midfielder tumbling to the floor quite easily.

Neither side could force any more significant opportunities before the break, with the teams heading down the tunnel level.

There were no changes at the break, as both managers kept faith with their starting XIs.

Saints started off the second half well, pressing Swansea back towards their own penalty area.

However, after Schneiderlin



TEENAGE full-back Luke Shaw became the youngest ever player to start a Premier League match for the club.

The 17-year-old replaced Danny Fox at left-back, as manager Nigel Adkins made three changes from

TEAM NEWS

the side that lost 2-0 at West Brom last Monday.

Jack Cork returned from a knee injury to make his first league start of the season, replacing Steven

Davis, while Jay Rodriguez was dropped to the bench in favour of Jason Puncheon.

Swansea boss Michael Laudrup stuck with the same team that drew 1-1 with Chelsea last weekend.

SAINTS v SWANSEA REACTION IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO

Saints Spotlight

Nathan comes back to haunt Saints

COSTS VICTORY

CHEST BRILLIANT: Rickie Lambert gets to the ball ahead of ex-Saint Gary Monk.



lost the ball to Michu in mid-field, the visitors were able to break forward, with Rangel eventually trying his luck from 25 yards and seeing his shot deflect behind for a corner, which came to nothing.

At the other end, Williams had to head clear from inside his own six-yard box after Lallana played a dangerous ball across the face of goal.

Saints were still struggling to create a gilt-edged chance against the Swans' resolute defence.

The visitors had a great chance to open the scoring in the 56th minute, as they counter-attacked down the right. Pablo Hernandez was the one who got free, before producing an exquisite cutback to the edge of the area, which picked out Wayne Routledge, whose right-foot shot flew inches over.

That was to be Routledge's last action of the game, as he was withdrawn for ex-Saints winger Dyer, who received a couple of boos from the home fans as he entered the fray.

Lambert looked like he was about to give the hosts the lead just before the hour mark, as the ball broke to him in space in



the area. But, as he was winding up for a thumping left-foot shot, Ki slid in to deny him with a brilliant tackle.

Ramirez then had a shot from inside the area well charged down by former Saint Garry Monk, before Lallana was booked for an alleged dive after going to ground under pressure from Ashley Williams as he looked to latch on to Lambert's nod down.

The frustration of that deci-

ABOVE: Jason Puncheon has a shot blocked.

LEFT: Nathan Dyer slots home.

sion didn't linger long, though, as Saints took a fully-deserved lead in the 64th minute.

Lambert peeled away at the back post and nodded a delivery from the left back across goal. Schneiderlin came steaming in, nudged the ball forward with his chest and then headed it in from close range.

A huge roar greeted the strike, with Adkins celebrating wildly on the sidelines.

Laudrup immediately took off Britton and replaced him with Itay Shechter.

Saints were looking in complete control, but predictably threw away the lead after a piece of terrible defending in the 73rd minute.

Gazzaniga chipped a poor pass out to Yoshida, who struggled to control the ball and was dispossessed by Dyer. The winger raced forward on his old stomping ground, before looking up



and firing a skidding shot across goal and in off the far post.

Adkins made his first change straight after the goal, taking off Shaw, who had a sound debut, and replacing him with Danny Fox.

Lambert nearly restored the lead 13 minutes from time, rising to meet Ramirez's corner, only to see his glancing header fly a yard or two wide of the far post.

The striker then headed straight at Tremmel from Nathaniel Clyne's clipped delivery, as Saints refused to let the equaliser deflate them.

Yoshida tried to make amends for his role in the Swansea goal, but was well off target with an audacious overhead kick.

In the 85th minute, Lallana had another penalty appeal turned down, claiming Monk tripped him just inside the corner of the area.

Jonathan de Guzman was then taken off by the visitors, with Kemy Agustien replacing him.

Yoshida produced a fine piece of defending two minutes from the end, sliding in to intercept Michu's ball across the six-yard box, with Shechter poised to finish, thus preserving a point.

Adkins rues 'unfortunate decision'

Nigel Adkins was left to rue "one unfortunate decision" that cost his side a victory against Swansea at St Mary's.

Nathan Dyer pounced on a defensive error in the second half to cancel out Morgan Schneiderlin's opener, denying Saints a second win of the campaign.

Keeper Paulo Gazzaniga's poor pass out to Maya Yoshida bounced awkwardly in front of the defender and was miscontrolled, allowing former Saints winger Dyer to dispossess him, drive forward and fire in off the far post.

"I thought we showed a good defensive resolve, but we've actually got on the front foot and caused Swansea a lot of problems," said Adkins of his side's performance.

"One unfortunate decision from a young goalkeeper has resulted in the ball in the back of our net, but there's a lot of positives that we've got to take from this game and we will do.

"We've dominated the game for long spells. Obviously, Swansea are a very good passing side, and that was demonstrated in the first five minutes, but I thought we had a very good defensive shape about ourselves.

"The players should take a lot of credit about that, because they've worked very hard."



ARM'S LENGTH: Gaston Ramirez beats Swansea's Leon Britton to the ball.

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Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

Pompey struggle

Bury 2 Portsmouth 0

A 19TH-MINUTE goal by Adam Lockwood rocked managerless Portsmouth as they came under pressure in the first half.

Against a Bury side desperate for points in the League One relegation zone, Pompey found it difficult to keep consistent possession.

Their best chance came after nine minutes but Izale McLeod fired wide from a good position.

McLeod looked Pompey's most dangerous forward after they went behind and got in a couple of efforts, but both were wide.

Brian Howard also missed the target.

Portsmouth went further behind in the 55th minute when Carl Dickinson was booked for a foul on Dominic Poleon and conceded a penalty.

Steven Schumacher placed his spot kick beyond Mikkel Andersen.

Arter is Cherries kingpin

HARRY Arter's first-half strike proved enough to help Cherries maintain their superb unbeaten run against Doncaster Rovers this afternoon.

In a hard-working and solid team display, Arter's third goal of the season handed Cherries a well-earned 1-0 victory at Keepmoat Stadium.

Towards the end of an even first half, Iain Hume fired wide with a rare good opportunity for the hosts.

And Rovers then paid the ultimate price when Cherries' star midfielder beat home keeper Gary Woods after trying his luck from 20 yards.

Josh McQuoid saw a free-kick saved after the break while Hume tested David James from distance.

But Cherries, who produced arguably their best defensive display of the season, held on with few problems to make it seven matches without defeat since Eddie Howe's inspired appointment.

Cherries boss Howe was forced into one change with Steve Cook drafted in at right-back for hip-injury victim Simon Francis. Wes Thomas, recently recalled from Portsmouth, recovered from a hamstring problem to earn a place on the bench.

The visitors, cheered on by a healthy travelling contingent from Dorset, start-

Doncaster 0 Cherries 1

ed brightly.

Utilising width to stretch the Rovers backline, Cherries looked comfortable in possession and McQuoid was a particularly lively performer.

Lewis Grabban warmed the hands of Woods with an ambitious volley from 35 yards before the Rovers keeper was relieved to see Charlie Daniels's curling free-kick fly narrowly wide.

A well-timed intervention from the impressive Cook did enough to put off Billy Paynter with the Doncaster striker poised for a free header from David Cotterill's dangerous right-wing delivery.

The busy Hume fired a snapshot over from a tight angle before smart goalkeeping from James saw him quickly off his line to intercept Chris Brown's knockdown ahead of the onrushing Paynter.

With Rovers now settled and looking more assured, the best chance of the half fell to Hume. James Husband got in behind Cherries down the hosts' left flank before picking out an unmarked Hume, who failed to hit the target with a curling effort on the turn.

And that proved a costly missed opportunity when Cherries took the lead on 38 minutes. The goal owed much



MATCHWINNER: Harry Arter.

to the persistence of Arter and also to questionable goalkeeping from Woods.

Having shrugged off a weak challenge 25 yards from goal, Arter opted to try his luck from the edge of a penalty area, with little else on. The playmaker was rewarded when his left-footed effort rolled agonisingly beyond Woods and in

off the far post, with the keeper appearing slow to get down.

That knocked Rovers, who had been threatening to gain the upper hand, and Cherries saw out the remainder of the half with no alarm.

Hume headed over an early free-kick after the break after Daniels had been deemed, somewhat harshly, to have obstructed Cotterill.

Arter's accuracy deserted him when his sweet right-foot drive failed to test home stopper Woods, who then saved well from McQuoid's nicely-struck free-kick.

Howe opted for fresh legs by introducing Thomas for McQuoid, with Lee Barnard operating in a deeper role as Cherries were made to work increasingly hard to protect their lead.

James comfortably gathered Hume's powerful 20-yarder before referee Darren Bond waved away Rovers' appeals for a penalty after David Syers had gone to ground.

At the other end, Thomas lashed a shot into the side netting after a decent spell of pressure from Cherries.

For all Rovers' possession, they found themselves restricted to shots from range, with James rarely called into serious action.

And solid Cherries comfortably answered the questions the hosts posed to ensure their excellent run continued.

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Non-league Action

FA Trophy third qualifying round: AFC Totton 3 Basingstoke Town 0

HISTORY-MAKERS!

AFC TOTTON made history this afternoon as they booked their passage through to the FA Trophy first round proper for the first time.

Steve Riley's super-charged Stags rose to the challenge magnificently as they saw off Blue Square Bet South visitors Basingstoke Town 3-0 at the Testwood Stadium, *writes Wendy Gee.*

With Chris Mason out injured, youth team player Gareth Sanashee was included on a young Totton bench.

Basingstoke, without suspended hit-man Tim Sills, handed ex-Stag Stefan Brown a rare start up front.

The game burst to life in the sixth minute when Basingstoke's Matt Warner played two excellent cross-field passes to the right flank.

From the first, Delano Sam-Yorke controlled the ball but dragged his shot horribly wide.

From the second, Sam-Yorke played the ball nicely into the path of ex-Eastleigh mid-fielder Shaun McAuley whose effort cannoned off the legs of keeper Gareth Barfoot.

Play instantly broke to the other end where Mike Gosney delivered a deep cross from the left which Richard Gillespie was unable to keep down at the back stick.

The Stags threatened again on 13 minutes when Dave Allen flicked on a header into the path of Gillespie whose angled shot was deflected into the arms of keeper Ashley Bayes.

Gillespie then sprinted through again but was this time denied by an excellent tackle from on-loan Aldershot defender Douglas Bergqvist.

The intensity of Totton's game was forcing Basingstoke into errors and the Stags almost capitalised on 18 minutes when Gillespie laid the ball off to James Coutts who steered a good chance wide of the far post.

With home confidence soaring, Gillespie tried his luck from the far left of the area, but his shot drifted just over.

McAuley bowed out injured on 27 minutes to be replaced by ex-Saint Callum McNish.

A minute later Totton were awarded a free kick just out-

side the area and Gosney's curling delivery was brilliantly finger-tipped on to the post by Bayes before McNish tapped it out of danger.

Basingstoke responded with some lively work by Sam-Yorke, who controlled the ball expertly on the right and set up a clear opening for McNish who blasted over.

Just before half-time Warner rampaged down the left for Basingstoke and crossed to the back post, where Brown headed over.

But it was Totton who took the lead on 45 minutes when Gosney threaded the ball through to fellow wide-man JONATHAN DAVIES who poked it past Bayes from six yards. Half-time:

AFC Totton 1
Basingstoke Town 0

With the second half just seconds old, Gosney darted through the middle on to a clever pass by Gillespie but was superbly stopped in his tracks by Jay Gasson.

Town responded with a flowing move that ended in McNish sliding the ball wide from fellow ex-Saint Jordace Holder-Spooner's assist.

But it was the Southern League underdogs who doubled their advantage on 50 minutes courtesy of one of their most consistent performers, James Coutts.

Gosney delivered a cross from the left which Basingstoke failed to clear and, as the ball ran loose to the edge of the box COUTTS met it with a venomous, angled drive to make it 2-0.

Allen and Gillespie went close as Totton piled on the pressure before Brown fired wildly off target for the visitors.

Totton stretched their lead on the hour with a goal of outstanding quality.

Davies was this time the architect, cleverly controlling the ball on the right of the area before delicately lifting it into the path of ALLEN to powerfully head home.



ON THE ATTACK: James Coutts gets in a shot for Totton.

Picture: Stuart Martin

With Basingstoke's confidence in tatters, Sam-Yorke's body language said it all as he dragged a half-hearted effort off target in the 65th minute.

But two minutes later the visitors saw a chink of light when Totton defender Ross Bottomley was rather harshly shown a second yellow for a tackle on McNish.

Totton fans vented their anger at the referee, but there were cheers all round

when Wes Daly drilled the free kick straight at Barfoot.

Brown headed another decent Basingstoke chance wide and Sam-Yorke appealed in vain for a penalty before Bergqvist fired wide from distance.

However, it wasn't until the 85th minute that the North Hampshire club finally got another effort on target when Brown headed straight at Barfoot from Holder-Spooner's corner.

Eastleigh crash out

FA TROPHY

Eastleigh 1 Hayes & Yeading 4 EASTLEIGH went out of the FA Trophy at the first hurdle for the seventh time in seven seasons as visitors Hayes & Yeading thoroughly deserved their victory.

Although both sides had half chances in the first two minutes, the first 25 minutes were very scrappy.

Although both Eastleigh defenders Andy Forbes and Mitchell Nelson made important blocks to keep the visitors out, in the 28th minute the visitors took the lead when great persistence by Daniel Wishart enabled him to set up John GODDARD to score.

Seven minutes later substitute Toby Joseph, who added bite to the Hayes and Yeading team, was the goal provider as he out-paced the Eastleigh defence as Jerome ANDERSON added the second.

However four minutes before half-time the ball broke for Lee PEACOCK and he made no mistake.

In the 50th minute the visitors scored the all important third goal when Sam Cox's long pass to Toby JOSEPH clean through and was able to poke the ball past the Eastleigh goalkeeper Ross Flitney.

Hayes and Yeading had the better chances to score further goals and the victory was effectively sealed in the 81st minute when Dan WISHART scored the best goal of the game which gave Flitney no chance.

Boys win

A FIRST-HALF header by Chris Ngoulou gave Southampton Boys a 1-0 win over Mid-Sussex in the English Schools under-15 Trophy at Wide Lane today.

The St George striker was left totally unmarked from a corner midway through the first period and headed into the roof of the visitors' net.

Mid-Sussex twice hit the outside of the Southampton upright before the goal, but the second round tie progressed Southampton's way.



LEE WORT



GLORY BOY: Jonathan Davies celebrates his goal.

Picture: Stuart Martin

A PIECE of Brazilian magic put paid to Sholing's FA Trophy prospects against Oxford City at the Silverlake arena *writes Mike Vimpany.*

Brazilian Feipe BARCELOS who has been attracting interest from Fulham and Reading, came off the substitute's bench to hit Oxford's 64th minute winner.

Oxford hit Sholing with a swift counter attack, Barcelos

controlling the ball on the edge of the box before sending a deflected shot past goalkeeper Matt Brown.

Sholing credited themselves well against fifth-placed Blue Square Bet North opponents, with Mike Carter testing the visitor's goalkeeper Matt Ingram from 20 yards and Tyrone Bowers going close after side-stepping two defenders on the edge of the

penalty box.

Oxford enjoyed a strong spell themselves midway through the first period, with Darren Pond twice going close.

Sholing finished strongly in a determined but ultimately unsuccessful bid to force a replay, with Kevin Brewster having two shots beaten out and Lee Wort firing into the side netting.

NON-LEAGUE RESULTS AND ROUND-UP IN MONDAY'S ECHO

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

ANOTHER week, another defeat. Blah blah blah.

It would be so easy to dwell on the negatives and dedicate a large portion of this column to the rights and wrongs of Nigel Adkins and his tactics/team selections.

But just where will it get us?

The news that the board has, for now at least, given its full backing to Adkins gives us all some breathing space to look at this season with a calmer head.

Moving on from the Adkins managerial carousel, just after the dismal defeat against West Brom, I was asked the other day "Just why do you bother with Saints?"

It was asked, rather unsurprisingly, by a friend who supports one of the so called bigger teams and had, even more unsurprisingly, never been anywhere near a live game in five years.

So just why do we bother with Saints?

What keeps us coming back for more pain?

For that matter, what draws us to supporting our local club rather than the likes of Manchester United, Manchester City, Arsenal or any of the other big clubs?

For me, the path to Southampton was fraught with all sorts of perils.

Like most kids I flirted briefly with other teams but it took a while before I was entranced by the charms of my local club.

My first game was at Upton Park watching West Ham.

My father worked for an outside broadcast unit and I spent my day hanging around there and in the camera pit right by the pitch watching the game.

If anything would have made me a West Ham fan, it would have been that.

But it wasn't until my late mother took me to watch an evening game at The Dell that I GOT it.

It was freezing, I was crowded and we lost... and I loved it.

There was something magical about The Dell, something that to this day I just can't put my finger on.

It just had "it."

Nothing beat The Dell, 15,000 fiercely vocal fans, a wall of noise that made the place something special.

There's a whole generation who got into Saints through The Dell, it was just magical.

I watched the Saints with my mum and my brother, it was a family thing.

At that time my brother was flying over from Holland, Spain, Portugal for the games.

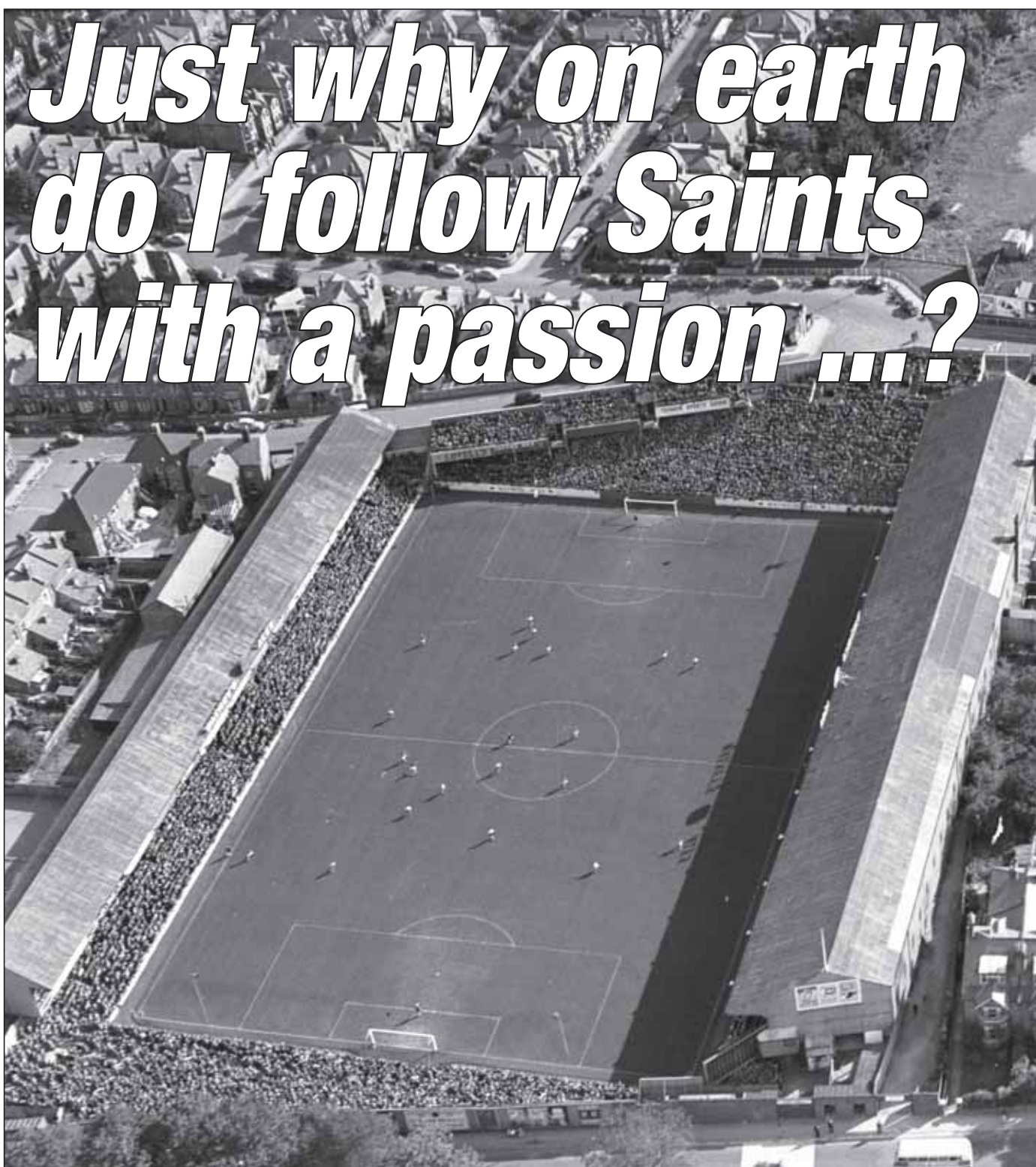
It meant something to all of us...

It still does mean something but the puffed up, corporate, "you mustn't stand, you mustn't do this, you mustn't do that" experience that modern football is, will probably put a whole slew of people off the game.

The whole commercialisation and mass marketing of the game just pushes football further and further away from the common man/woman.

It's hard to associate with footballers now.

The line between FIFA 2013 and the live game seems to have blurred so a whole generation of football fans seem to think managing a club in an online video game gives them



MAGICAL MOMENT: Daren Wheeler fell in love with Saints after his first visit to The Dell.

some sort of knowledge of the game.

On numerous online football conversations, I've actually been told that a player is worth Saints having a look at as he's "Good on Championship Manager".

If you think about it, that is absolutely ridiculous.

Get out of your house and watch a bloody game!

I've yet to hear anyone actually

come up with a plan as to who to replace Nigel Adkins with, or why they would be a good choice.

It would be need to done as things are not working at the moment, apparently.

But winning football games isn't down to maths or formulae, it's far more organic than that.

Take Chelsea as an example.

A club that has had some of the

biggest names in football management failed to win their Holy Grail, the Champions League, for a long time.

It took the man who wasn't good enough for West Brom to do that - proof positive that none of us know the slightest thing about football.

Why do I support Saints?

It's in my blood, I can no more

stop supporting Saints as I can stop breathing.

My mother supported Saints through thick and thin, and so will I.

Why do I back Nigel Adkins?

Two of my best years of watching Southampton FC, and two years of the best football to boot.

Southampton Football Club ... it's the hope that kills you.

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Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



Super Celtic catch the imagination

THE group stages of the Champions League have now moved past the halfway point.

Three clubs – Porto, Malaga and Manchester United – have the luxury of knowing qualification is secured with two games to spare before the knockout stages.

For others, it will be a disappointing early exit.

Chelsea, Arsenal and Celtic are all still battling away for a top-two finish.

And it was Group G that caught the imagination of the vast number of people who were watching the match between Celtic and Barcelona.

It was certainly emotional, as Celtic's number one fan burst into tears at the end of 90 minutes.

Rod Stewart, a passionate supporter of Scottish football, and Celtic in particular, couldn't contain his emotions, with television cameras catching the rock idol reaching for his handkerchief.

'We are wailing' seemed appropriate after Celtic's historic 2-1 win over a world-class team.

Celtic have now given themselves a great chance of progressing past the group stages for the first time since 2007/08.

If they can beat Benfica, their matchday five opponents, at the Estádio da Luz and Barcelona win or draw at Spartak Moscow then both Benfica and Spartak will be eliminated.

This would be a huge boost for Scottish football which has, to use Rod Stewart's own words, been a heartache, nothing but a heartache.

On Tuesday and Wednesday nights, I have been doing duty on South African television covering all of the Champions League matches.

When commenting on Manchester City's chances, I had suggested that if Tom Cruise was available perhaps City should include him in their starting line-up for what was mission impossible.

Drawing with Ajax 2-2 again exposed a City side that have struggled to adapt to the challenges of European competition.

Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid look odds-on favourites in Group D to make the last 16, after they drew 2-2 at

the Bernabeu.

Meanwhile, in Group E, Chelsea had a tremendous tussle at Stamford Bridge against Shakhtar Donetsk.

Donetsk, who led the group going into the game, have an abundance of Brazilian players in their ranks, and were led by their brilliant midfield maestro Willian.

The 24-year-old pulled the strings in the first game between the teams, and his two goals this week kept his side in the match after his keeper, Andriy Pyatov, had gifted Chelsea two soft goals, gratefully accepted by Fernando Torres and Oscar.

With time running out, sub Victor Moses rose to head a last-gasp winner to give his team a fortunate 3-2 victory over an impressive Donetsk side.

Group E has become extremely tight, with Juventus winning against FC Nordsjaelland 4-0.

One point now separates the Italian champions from Donetsk and Chelsea.

The big question to be answered in Group B was could Arsenal, after their insipid display against Manchester United, bounce back against table-toppers Schalke?

Arsenal, who should have been humiliated at Old Trafford by a score far exceeding the 2-1 loss that they actually suffered, failed to include an in-form Theo Walcott, whose three goals in the League Cup against Reading saw Arsenal through to the quarter-finals of that competition.

If Arsene Wenger is trying to prove a point by continually leaving Walcott out of his starting line-up while the impasse over his contract continues, then it is Wenger who is missing the point.

Arsenal are a bigger threat when Walcott is in the team, and I was delighted to see him in the lineup against Schalke. He further proved his worth by scoring the opener.

Unfortunately, Arsenal, who had taken a commanding 2-0 lead, conceded two goals to draw.

The Gunners are still well placed in second, on seven points, but defeat in either of their remaining fixtures could leave them vulnerable.



WE ARE WAILING:
A tearful Rod Stewart watches Celtic beat Barcelona.



WE'VE DONE IT:
Neil Lennon salutes Celtic's win against Barcelona.

Top man honoured at Man U

IT was in 1999 that Sir Alex Ferguson was knighted by Queen Elizabeth, in recognition of his services to the game of football.

Ferguson, who celebrated his 26th anniversary on Tuesday as manager of Manchester United, joined the Old Trafford club after a successful spell with Aberdeen, who, under his guidance, won three Scottish championships and the European Cup Winners' Cup.

In tribute, Manchester United are to unveil a statue of their most successful manager, which will be placed in a prominent position near the



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entrance to the Sir Alex Ferguson Stand.

Ferguson is widely regarded as one of British football's greatest managers, having won 12 English titles and two Champions League trophies, among a clutch of other honours.

The statue is a fitting tribute to a manager who will now follow in the footsteps of ex-United boss Matt Busby, who guided the club to a first European title, in 1968.

A statue featuring three great players from the 1960s, George Best, Denis Law and Bobby Charlton, can already be found at the stadium.

I just hope enough room will be left for one other outstanding United player when he retires – Ryan Giggs.

It is the ultimate in recognition for a football club to erect a statue of you, and I get so much pleasure on the occasions I get to St Mary's and catch sight of Southampton Football Club's greatest ever servant, Ted Bates.

Gunners giveaway continues

ARSENAL squandered a 2-0 lead for the second time in five days and missed an injury-time penalty as Fulham claimed a 3-3 draw at the Emirates.

The Gunners, who were held by Schalke in Gelsenkirchen in the Champions League on Tuesday night after opening up a two-goal cushion, went ahead through Olivier Giroud's header from a Theo Walcott corner and doubled their advantage when Lukas Podolski swept home Mikel Arteta's centre.

But Fulham pulled one back after 29 minutes as an unmarked Dimitar Berbatov nodded in Bryan Ruiz's corner from inside the six-yard box and they equalised when Berbatov's cross from the right was headed in by substitute Alex Kacaniklic.

The Cottagers took the lead for the first time when Arteta dragged down Ruiz in the area and Berbatov stroked home a 67th-minute spot-kick.

But the visitors' joy was short-lived as Giroud, having placed his first effort against the post, reacted well to head in Walcott's subsequent cross.

Arsenal could have won it in the 94th-minute when referee Phil Dowd harshly adjudged Sascha Riether had handled Andrey Arshavin's cross but Mark Schwarzer superbly kept out Arteta's low spot-kick.

Everton stay in fourth spot after coming from behind to beat struggling Sunderland 2-1 at Goodison Park.

The visitors threatened early through Stephane Sessegnon and Steven Fletcher and finally made the breakthrough when summer signing Adam Johnson netted shortly before the break.

But, following plenty of Everton pressure, Marouane Fellaini drove past Simon Mignolet after 76 minutes and, two minutes later, the Belgian cleverly flicked on for Nikica Jelavic to fire home.

West Brom won 2-1 at Wigan thanks to a James Morrison header and a Gary Caldwell own goal.

Scotland midfielder Morrison has been an impressive performer in the Baggies' strong start and he was on hand to head home Chris Brunt's wicked left-footed cross after 31 minutes.

And when Caldwell put through his own goal it looked good for Steve Clarke's men.

Arouna Kone pulled one back on the stroke of half-time but Wigan could not find a leveller.

Stoke moved up to 12th after a hard-fought 1-0 win at home to winless QPR.

Charlie Adam got the only goal – his first for the club – at the start of the second half, firing in left-footed after the visitors had failed to clear Robert Huth's long free-kick into the box.

The defeat, their seventh of the season, means Mark Hughes' men stay bottom.

Reading, who have scored eight times in their last two home games without winning either, could not find a way past Norwich as their search for a first Barclays Premier League victory of the season goes on.

Adam Rant



This week's big talking points
with Adam Leitch

Should Ronnie just quit?

IF Adam Rant counted up the number of words he has committed to paper about Ronnie O'Sullivan's threats to quit snooker, it would be very time consuming.

The prospect suddenly looks more real than ever though with the news that he won't be playing again this season.

The actual reasons are incredibly vague – travelling, health, family, chil-

dren. None of us would ever go to work if we all took that sort of stuff into account, which makes you wonder where his head is at.

Adam Rant has always been a massive O'Sullivan fan, and as intrigued by the mystery of the man as much as the snooker player.

These flawed geniuses are remarkable characters.

So incredible at one thing, touched with unbelievable

greatness, and yet so often the very thing that seems to fire that power is also eating away at them inside.

O'Sullivan has been a troubled soul, yet his heart has always seemed to be in the right place.

Snooker would suffer very badly if he did decide to call it a day but, as much as it pains Adam Rant to say this, maybe he SHOULD just quit.

This constant chatter in the media, amongst the fans and even seemingly in O'Sullivan's own head doesn't do anybody any good, least of all him you have to think.

It would be a very sad day for Adam Rant and the rest of O'Sullivan's army of fans if he did hang up the cue for good.

He's given us all great memories.



O'SULLIVAN

Uncertainty at Saints is simply adding to all the boss's problems

NIGEL Adkins remains as Saints boss for now.

But the constant speculation over his future is not going to go away without either a remarkable run of results, that doesn't dip for the remainder of the campaign, or a very definitive backing from the club.

Adkins survived a crunch meeting with Nicola Cortese this last week, but his position is still delicate.

If Cortese does still believe in Adkins then now is the time to speak up and display that confidence by insisting that the man who has led the club through one of the most successful periods in their history will still be in charge at the end of the season come what may.

Only through that stability can Adkins have the kind of platform he requires to have a chance of getting the team out of the Premier League relegation zone.



MARK HUGHES: Has had a vote of confidence at QPR.

from it, you can see it in their performances. Any hint of things going wrong behind the scenes and you are immediately hurting the team's prospects.

People might not like it, but it's a fact proven again and again and again through the years in football.

The only thing that will allay their worries and sharpen their focus is knowing that the man who stands in front of them before each game is going to be their boss for the foreseeable future.

A 'vote of confidence' is a unifying statement if done correctly and with meaning.

This whole argument about a 'dreaded vote of confidence' is a total and utter load of garbage.

It is only 'dreaded' if the person issuing it is basically lying, if they don't really fancy the manager but feel backed into a corner and that they have to say something so come out with it under pressure.

If you actually believe in what you say then it's not dreaded in any way, shape or form. It is an overwhelmingly positive move.

If Saints do not comment then the vacuum of silence will continue to be filled, and with it comes this huge amount of speculation and that will only drag down results and performances on the pitch still further in a horrible vicious circle.

Mark Hughes got a vote of confidence this week. It was definitive.

When the QPR chairman described any potential change of manager as 'suicidal' it left little room for manoeuvre in misinterpreting it. Consequently Hughes' position, importantly in the eyes of his players as much as anybody else, has been strengthened.

Adkins has done so much for Saints and right now he needs a little back.

If he's not going to get it then his position becomes harder still.

DAILY ECHO AND PINK - BEST FOR THE LATEST ON SAINTS

Adam Rant

This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**

Pietersen holds the key

ENGLAND start their Test series in India next week, but it's hard to feel too optimistic about their chances.

They really need to be totally refreshed and revitalised if they are to get any joy from a very difficult series.

Playing on the sub continent is always going to be a tough ask, and England are on something of a downer at the moment.

The recent results, the Pietersen affair, Strauss going –

it all just feels as if the cyclical nature of sport is having its full swing in the wrong direction right now.

Pietersen is really going to have to fire for England to triumph.

The former Hampshire man needs to be the catalyst.

He's the big time player who can do it and only some good form is going to silence all the talk about his reintroduction into the fold.

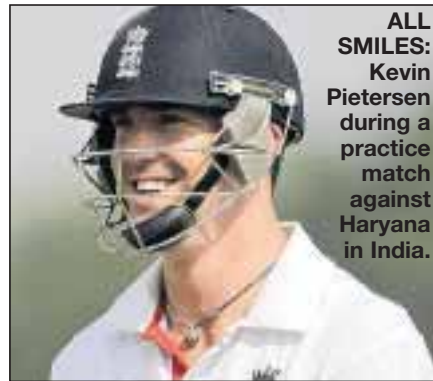
As for who opens with

Alistair Cook ... well, unless whoever they pick looks totally out of their depth, England should make a decision and stick with it for a bit.

They must not make the mistake of chopping and changing every game if somebody fails.

Strauss' boots will be big ones to fill.

For England to do it on this very tough tour – in a country where their last Test series victory was back in the mid 1980s – will be a real stretch.



ALL SMILES: Kevin Pietersen during a practice match against Haryana in India.



MEN IN THE MIDDLE: Nicola Cortese, left, and Nigel Adkins, right.



Pompey need a steady Eddie



EDDIE HOWE: Success at Bournemouth again.

MICHAEL Appleton's defection to Blackpool is yet another kick in the teeth for Portsmouth.

You could hardly blame him for jumping ship.

Though Pompey have undoubtedly been good for his career, he has also endured a lot of suffering there.

To see the club fall as far as it has, to work under the tight financial constraints and constant off-the-field worries which have been a hallmark of his time in charge, must have been gruelling.

It's the kind of job that must, eventually, wear down even the most positive of people. So the chance to jump up a division, to go a club who continue to look upwards and without money problems was probably a

no-brainer and, truth be told, a massive relief for him.

But Pompey are left in fresh strife.

Already with plenty enough to contend with, they now have to find a new manager.

Out of work managers won't touch many jobs with a bargepole until they come up, then the chance of work grabs them and they can take you by surprise by applying for the most unlikely of positions.

But this is a tough ask for anybody.

What Pompey desperately need though is some stability.

They need to try to find somebody who doesn't just view Pompey as a stepping stone – a quick return to football but instantly with an eye on

moving elsewhere.

That's why they could do worse than follow Bournemouth's example of several years ago when they gave Eddie Howe the job.

He may ultimately have gone to Burnley before returning, but this was a guy that was Cherries through and through, he was young, ambitious and hungry and he understood better than anyone what being the manager of that club at that point in time entailed.

It might not have been the most glamorous of appointments, he may not have been a big name, but what a good choice it proved to be.

Pompey could do a lot worse than look for their own Eddie Howe right now.

Carroll is in demand once more

EX-SAINTS boss Alan Pardew has admitted he would still like to re-sign England striker Andy Carroll for Newcastle.

The Magpies launched an audacious cut-price bid to recapture the 23-year-old, who they sold to Liverpool for £35m in January 2011, when it became obvious he had little future at Anfield under new manager Brendan Rodgers this summer.

However, the Merseysiders opted instead to loan the player to West Ham, with whom he was due to return to St James' Park this Sunday.

But, as he prepared to welcome the 6'3" striker and midfielder Kevin Nolan back to Tyneside, Pardew revealed he had not given up hope of clinching a permanent deal for the former.

"He's a Liverpool player and not wanted so at some point he's going to move permanently.

"I'd like to think we'll be in the mix for that," said Pardew.

Indeed, Pardew revealed he would happily take both men back if the financial side was right.



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He said: "Big Andy hopefully one day will want to come back and certainly I'd like to have them both in my squad now because we would be stronger for it. But obviously finances restrict me from doing that."

Pardew had earlier admitted Carroll's "astronomical" fee had paved the way for the club's recent success.

There was fury in the city when, despite the manager's repeated assertions to the contrary, Carroll was allowed to swap the north east for Anfield.

The powerful frontman is currently attempting to rebuild his reputation under former Newcastle manager Sam Allardyce, but Pardew believes the proceeds of the initial switch were central to what has been achieved since.

He said: "The position we are in, if I'm honest, is because we used the money from Andy's sale well."

"He was a brilliant player for us, but the fee was astronomical. We have used it well and we owe a great debt to him."

The likes of Yohan Cabaye, Demba Ba and Papiss Cisse have been recruited since Carroll and 30-year-old Nolan left the club and while Pardew is well aware of the pair's individual talents, he has no complaints over his lot after guiding the club to a fifth-placed finish in the Barclays Premier League last season and back into Europe.

Saints Spotlight

Di Matteo takes the heat out

■ PREMIER LEAGUE

ROBERTO Di Matteo has attempted to defuse the tension between Chelsea and Liverpool over the behaviour of their supporters ahead of their Sunday clash (4pm).

The clubs' rivalry has led to some sickening chants. But a new low was reached in a fixture between Chelsea and Tottenham on the 23rd anniversary of the Hillsborough disaster.

Both Chelsea and manager Di Matteo, pictured, were quick to condemn the abuse but the Italian was keen to point out such behaviour was not endemic.

"To be honest, here in England when the fans are singing – and it's mostly the whole stadium – they're supporting the team," he said. "It's been actually very good in England in general compared to the Continent.

"There's an unique atmosphere in England. The atmosphere that's created is quite magnificent.



"We obviously don't want to hear any bad language, because there are a lot of families with children in the stadium, but it's not too bad."

Chelsea fans have arguably been too busy trying to catch their breath to focus too much on winding up the opposition this season.

Wednesday's Champions League win over Shakhtar Donetsk was the latest roller-coaster ride at Stamford Bridge, which has witnessed a crazy 43 goals in nine matches.

Di Matteo said: "I believe in something, and I want to continue to go that way. I think the players believe in it, which is the most important factor. Hopefully, the future will be that Chelsea continue to play in this style."

Even if it means shipping 14 goals in just six matches?

"There's a compromise you have to make, but I'm 100 per cent sure we'll improve that part of the game as well," Di Matteo said.

"Personnel also helps, but also the players playing regularly with each other, game after game, and the work we do will improve that."

As will the return of John Terry. "His experience is very important," Di Matteo said, "We maybe lacked a bit of experience on Wednesday without Ashley (Cole), Lamps (Frank Lampard) and JT."

LOFTUS ROAD GOAL

Hopefully FOR Saints this time!



RANGER DANGER: Grzegorz Rasiak opens the scoring in 2007.



GOING FORWARD: Saints attack at Loftus Road.

SAINTS will be hoping to recreate the spirit of February 1985 when they travel to Loftus Road next weekend for what already looks like a crunch encounter with QPR.

Saints have a fairly good record at the west London ground, having won there under George Burley in both 2006/07 and 2007/08.

The club's biggest league win at the ground, however, was under Lawrie McMenemy 27 years ago.

At the time Rangers played on a plastic pitch, as they had done since the summer of 1981 when they created history by becoming the first Football League club to install an artificial surface.

They certainly weren't the last, though, with Luton Town, Oldham Athletic and Preston North End all following them.

Back in 1984/85 Saints powered to a 4-0 victory – their first win on the plastic at Loftus Road.

Saints had played on the Astroturf three times previously, and had lost 4-0 twice! Indeed, they had never scored a goal on it prior to the 4-0 victory of their own.

In 1983/84 Saints were well beaten in a First Division encounter, while the February 1985 game was the club's third trip to the ground that season.

Having initially drawn a League Cup tie 0-0 at Loftus Road, the teams drew the replay 1-1 at The Dell.

Nowadays, you don't even get replays in the Capital One Cup.

Back then, however, the ties went on and on.

Rangers won the toss of a coin for the right to stage a second replay, and this time they caned Saints 4-0 again.

It was a different story when the teams met again at Loftus Road in February.

Joe Jordan put Saints ahead in the first half and David Armstrong doubled the lead shortly after half-time.

Danny Wallace sprinted clear of the defence to lift his shot over keeper Peter Hucker, and Steve Moran completed the rout on 69 minutes.

That is not the only time that Saints have powered to a four-goal league win at Loftus Road.

In October 1989, Chris Nicholl gave Jason Dodd his Saints league debut and was rewarded in style as the ex-Bath City youngster played his part in a 4-1 victory.

Rod Wallace scored the first and last goals, with Matt Le Tissier (penalty) and Alan Shearer on target in between.

Fast forward to 2007 and Saints won twice at Rangers in one year.

In January 2007 they secured a 2-0 victory with two late goals from Grzegorz Rasiak and Bradley Wright-Phillips, and won 3-0 when they returned in August 2007 – Rasiak (2) and Wright-Phillips again doing the damage.

Saints' last visit to Rangers didn't have such a happy ending.

Handed his league debut at Loftus Road in September 2008, in the same way Dodd was 19 years earlier, Ollie Lancashire was shown the red card after only half an hour.

Saints had fallen behind in the first minute to a goal from one of their former strikers, Dexter Blackstock, who later added a second in a 4-1 victory.

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GLUTS

GLORY BOYS: David Armstrong nets, right. Below: Steve Moran in the thick of the action.



HIGH FLIER: Danny Wallace evades a desperate challenge from Peter Hucher to drive in goal number three in 1985.

Down Memory Lane



November 10 1951
Bury 8 Saints 2

Saints suffer their worst defeat since 1936 as Bury run riot in a Division 2 encounter at Gigg Lane in front of a crowd of over 14,000. Frank Dudley actually puts Saints ahead, but they are 5-1 down by the time Eddy Brown gets their second goal.

November 16 1968
Chelsea 2 Saints 3

Not quite the 6-2 win of the previous season, but another Saints win at Stamford Bridge nonetheless. Mick Channon and a John Hollins own goal put the visitors in control and, after the hosts had replied, Ron Davies completed the scoring. It was Davies' fifth goal in two games at the ground.

November 12 1977
Saints 2 Blackpool 0

A memorable day for Graham Baker who, making his league debut for Saints, opened the scoring in less than a minute – providing the quickest league goal by a debutant in Saints' history, and in front of Match of the Day cameras as well. Steve Neville, also making his league debut, won the penalty from which David Peach made it 2-0.

November 10 1979
Saints 4 Nottingham Forest 1

Nottingham-born Phil Boyer netted twice as Saints outplayed the reigning European champions, who included Peter Shilton in goal.

Dave Watson and Mick Channon put Saints 2-0 up before Boyer's double strike which came after Gary Birtles' consolation.



GOAL: Phil Boyer scores against Forest in 1979.

November 11 1980
Saints 3 Arsenal 1

Southampton ended a poor run of form that had seen them pick up only two points from six games with Steve Moran, Dave Watson and Nick Holmes on target in front of a crowd of 21,244

November 15 1986
Saints 0 Arsenal 4

Danny Wallace sees a penalty saved as Saints are well beaten with four second half goals.

But there are mitigating circumstances for the hosts, as keeper Tim Flower is stretchered off after colliding with future Saint Perry Groves and fracturing a cheekbone. With only one sub on the bench, striker Colin Clarke goes in goal and is instantly beaten by Martin Hayes' penalty.

Viv Anderson and Niall Quinn make it 3-0 and, after Wallace sees a spot-kick saved, Groves completes the scoring.

November 16 1996
Everton 7 Saints 1

The late Gary Speed scores the only senior hat-trick of his career as Saints are hammered at Goodison Park. Egil Ostenstad's consolation made it 5-1.

November 13 2004
Saints 2 Portsmouth 1

Steve Wigley secures the only league win of his Saints managerial career with teenage striker Dexter Blackstock and Kevin Phillips on target.

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Saints Spotlight

Spurs a worry for Man City

PREMIER LEAGUE

ASSISTANT boss David Platt expects Manchester City to bounce back quickly from their latest European frustrations.

City's Champions League challenge looks doomed to failure after a controversial and frustrating 2-2 draw with Ajax in mid-week.

They will switch their attention back to their Barclays Premier League title defence as Tottenham visit the Etihad Stadium this Sunday and Platt has no concerns about the players' state of mind.

Platt said: "Disappointment or any pleasure lasts a very short time because immediately there's another game coming your way and the boys have got to put their boots back on again.

City's form has not reached the heights of last season but they remain the only unbeaten side in the Premier League and are well



GARETH BALE

placed in a leading pack with Manchester United and Chelsea.

They have kept three clean sheets in their last four league games but, too build on that, they will need to quell the threat of Tottenham's in-form frontman Jermain Defoe, who scored a hat-trick in a Europa League win over Maribor on Thursday.

"He is 5ft 3in - he'll have pop at me for that - but a cross comes in and he gets a header in the six-yard box, said Platt.

Spurs lost to Wigan in their last league outing but remain a team with plenty of attacking quality, as seen when they beat Manchester United at Old Trafford in September.

"They've got several individuals who can turn a game in an instant and it becomes very difficult because of that, said Platt.

"Gareth Bale is Gareth Bale - you know he is going to create chances, you know he is going to get the ball in a game, you know he is good one v one.

"He will get crosses over, he is direct, quick.

"(Aaron) Lennon on the other side is the same and the two full-backs will keep coming up.

"You look at them as a collective and you feel as though there are goals in their team."

City's much-missed playmaker David Silva is back in training after a month out with a hamstring injury and has a chance of featuring. Defender Joleon Lescott is also back in contention after a back problem.

Record books show that Nigel is the top boss

NIGEL Adkins is the most successful post-war Saints manager in terms of winning league games.

KATIE BALL has examined all the bosses' records, and Adkins comes tops ahead of Alan Pardew and Lawrie McMenemy.

Manager Records

BILL DODGIN

(August 1946 - July 1949)
P 126, W 59, D 28, L 39
Win Ratio: 47% Draw Ratio: 22%
Loss Ratio: 31%

SID CANN

(August 1949 - December 1951)
P 103, W 40, D 32, L 31
Win Ratio: 39% Draw Ratio: 31%
Loss Ratio: 30%

GEORGE ROUGHTON

(March 1952 - July 1955)
P 144, W 60, D 33, L 51
Win Ratio: 42% Draw Ratio: 23%
Loss Ratio: 35%

TED BATES

(August 1955 - August 1973)
P 776, W 305, D 190, L 281
Win Ratio: 39% Draw Ratio: 25%
Loss Ratio: 36%



TED BATES: Most games in charge.

LAWRIE MCMENEMY

(August 1973 - June 1985)
P 504, W 211, D 133, L 160
Win Ratio: 42% Draw Ratio: 26%
Loss Ratio: 32%

CHRIS NICHOLL

(August 1985 - May 1991)
P 238, W 75, D 68, L 95
Win Ratio: 32% Draw Ratio: 28%
Loss Ratio: 40%

IAN BRANFOOT

(June 1991 - January 1994)
P 108, W 32, D 24, L 52
Win Ratio: 30% Draw Ratio: 22%
Loss Ratio: 48%

ALAN BALL

(January 1994 - July 1995)
P 59, W 18, D 22, L 19
Win Ratio: 31% Draw Ratio: 37%
Loss Ratio: 32%

DAVE MERRINGTON

(July 1995 - June 1996)
P 38, W 9, D 11, L 18

Win Ratio: 24% Draw Ratio: 29%
Loss Ratio: 47%

GRAEME SOUNESS

(July 1996 - June 1997)
P 38, W 10, D 11, L 17
Win Ratio: 26% Draw Ratio: 29%
Loss Ratio: 45%

DAVE JONES

(June 1997 - January 2000)
P 98, W 31, D 19, L 48
Win Ratio: 32% Draw Ratio: 19%
Loss Ratio: 49%

GLENN HODDLE

(January 2000 - March 2001)
P 45, W 18, D 11, L 16
Win Ratio: 40% Draw Ratio: 24%
Loss Ratio: 36%

STUART GRAY

(March 2001 - October 2001)
P 17, W 4, D 2, L 11
Win Ratio: 23% Draw Ratio: 12%
Loss Ratio: 65%

GORDON STRACHAN

(October 2001 - February 2004)
P 93, W 31, D 29, L 33
Win Ratio: 33% Draw Ratio: 31%
Loss Ratio: 36%

PAUL STURROCK

(March 2004 - August 2004)
P 13, W 5, D 2, L 6
Win Ratio: 39% Draw Ratio: 15%
Loss Ratio: 46%

STEVE WIGLEY

(August 2004 - December 2004)
P 14, W 1, D 6, L 7
Win Ratio: 7% Draw Ratio: 43%
Loss Ratio: 50%

HARRY REDKNAPP

(December 2004 - December 2005)
P 42, W 9, D 20, L 13
Win Ratio: 21% Draw Ratio: 48%
Loss Ratio: 31%

GEORGE BURLEY

(December 2005 - January 2008)
P 97, W 38, D 25, L 34
Win Ratio: 39% Draw Ratio: 26%
Loss Ratio: 35%

NIGEL PEARSON

(February 2008 - May 2008)
P 14, W 3, D 7, L 4
Win Ratio: 21% Draw Ratio: 50%
Loss Ratio: 29%

JAN POORTVLIET

(May 2008 - January 2009)
P 28, W 6, D 8, L 14
Win Ratio: 21% Draw Ratio: 29%
Loss Ratio: 50%

MARK WOTTE

(January 2009 - July 2009)
P 18, W 4, D 7, L 7
Win Ratio: 22% Draw Ratio: 39%
Loss Ratio: 39%

ALAN PARDEW

(July 2009 - August 2010)
P 49, W 24, D 15, L 10
Win Ratio: 49% Draw Ratio: 31%
Loss Ratio: 20%

NIGEL ADKINS

(September 2010 - Present)
P 97, W 54, D 18, L 25
Win Ratio: 56% Draw Ratio: 18%
Loss Ratio: 26%



NIGEL ADKINS

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Saints Spotlight

QPR keeping faith with Hughes – but what price Adkins?

NIGEL Adkins woke up last Tuesday morning 'celebrating' six years as a professional football manager.

It was back on November 6, 2006 that he was promoted from Scunthorpe United's physio-therapist to Brian Laws' successor.

During those six years, Adkins had never been sacked.

Many Saints fans, also waking up last Tuesday with the previous night's defeat at West Bromwich Albion fresh in their minds, thought that could change pretty quickly.

Following showdown talks with chairman Nicola Cortese, though, Adkins wouldn't always remember, remember the sixth of November as the day his Premier League dream ended with the boot.

That was because the day came and went with much speculation – including a bizarre story that bookies Victor Chandler had him second favourite to replace Ian Holloway as Blackpool's manager – with Adkins still in a job at St Mary's.

There was also talk that Saints could issue a statement on Wednesday backing Adkins.

That never came, with Cortese's silence on the matter of his manager continuing.

He has not uttered a single word all season with regards to Adkins and his future, and I don't expect that to change just yet.

Too speedily

Let's turn the clocks back to late August 2010 and Cortese acted speedily to sack Alan Pardew and his backroom staff, the day after a 4-0 win at Bristol Rovers.

Possibly too speedily, as he didn't have anyone lined up to take over on a permanent basis.

That resulted in coach Dean Wilkins being put in temporary charge, overseeing three successive losses without a goal being scored – against Swindon in the JPT, a truly desultory third division home defeat to Rochdale and another setback at Swindon in League 1.

Cortese wouldn't be doing his job properly if he decided to end Adkins' record-breaking reign at Saints without knowing in his heart of hearts who he would like to replace him.

That might be Swindon's Paolo Di Canio or ex-Chelsea boss Gianluca Vialli, who have both been linked with Saints – unsurprisingly, really, given Cortese's Italian links.

But don't forget that all Cortese's

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appointments so far have been English.

He has had the chance to appoint an Italian manager, or any other nationality come to that, on two occasions.

On the first occasion he courted Exeter's ex-Saint Paul Tisdale before deciding on Pardew, and then Bournemouth's Eddie Howe was very much in contention before Adkins was appointed.

Perhaps Cortese would go down a similar route again?

'Complete faith'

Perhaps he won't.

Perhaps he will go Italian, or perhaps he will stick with Nigel Adkins.

If he goes down the latter route, assume that Saints have started winning games of football, to use one of the manager's stock phrases.

Cortese is not the most patient man you will ever meet. It might surprise many who have come across him that Adkins is still in a job now, given Saints' poor start.

He is not a chairman in the Tony Fernandes mould when it comes to public speaking.

The QPR chief has repeatedly given his vocal backing to under pressure ex-Saint Mark Hughes.

"I have complete faith in Mark Hughes and we have a great squad, we just

need to hold out for that stability and I'm sure things are going to go right," Fernandes said this week.

"It's been one of those frustrating seasons for us but I'm keeping the faith and keeping calm. It's not a time to panic."

Fernandes feels it would be "suicidal" to change manager now.

"We won't be detracted by fans or media, we're confident in our approach and changing our manager now would be suicidal," he explained.

"Mark's a good guy, he's got good records before him, he needs a bit of luck but cream always rises to the top. He has our backing."

It would be nice if Nicola Cortese said similar things about his manager, but there might be numerous reasons why he hasn't.

He might not want to issue any statements for fear of what he says being analysed in minute detail.

If he came out and said he backed Adkins, and Saints then continued losing – with inevitably more pressure being heaped on the manager's shoulders – what then?

Tipping point

If he sacked Adkins just days or weeks after publicly backing him, it wouldn't reflect well on the chairman.

To an extent, Fernandes has backed himself into a corner with such glowing praise of a manager who prior to this weekend hadn't won a single Premier League game all season.

But if QPR keep on losing, would Fernandes keep on trotting out the same message?

There doesn't have to be a straw that breaks the camel's back.

Many clubs have been relegated with the same manager in charge all season – Owen Coyle and Steve Kean at Bolton and Blackburn respectively last season to name but two recent examples.

It all boils down to how patient Nicola Cortese can remain so long as Saints are entrenched in the drop zone.

The tipping point for the chairman could be coming soon – this weekend, next week at QPR, the following week which sees Pardew's return to St Mary's.

All potential camel back-breakers.

No doubt Cortese's patience is being tested, as Saints can't keep on losing while shipping almost three goals a game.

How long before it breaks?

Did You Know?

POMPEY will draw level with Saints when they appoint a permanent successor to Michael Appleton.

Pompey are searching for their 13th permanent boss of the 21st century after Appleton quit this week to take over at Championship club Blackpool.

Nigel Adkins is Saints' 13th permanent boss of the century, but for how long is the subject of much speculation.



Here, the Sports Pink looks at how many different managers Saints, Pompey and Bournemouth have had since the start of 2000.

The total is 33 appointments – with Harry Redknapp and Eddie Howe, pictured, having two different spells in charge at the same club.

Saints = 13

Nigel Adkins (Sep 2010-Present)
Alan Pardew (Jul 2009-Aug 2010)
Mark Wotte (Jan-July 2009)
Jan Poortvliet (May 2008-Jan 2009)
Nigel Pearson (Feb-May 2008)
George Burley (Dec 2005-Jan 2008)
Harry Redknapp (Dec 200-Dec 2005)
Steve Wigley (Aug-Dec 2004)
Paul Sturrock (Mar-Aug 2004)
Gordon Strachan (Oct 2001-Feb 2004)
Stuart Gray (Mar-Oct 2001)
Glenn Hoddle (Jan 2000-Mar 2001)
Dave Jones (Jun 1997-Jan 2000)

Cherries = 8

Eddie Howe (Oct 2012-Present)
Paul Groves (Mar-Oct 2012)
Lee Bradbury (Jan 2011-Mar 2012)
Eddie Howe (Jan 2009-Jan 2011)
Jimmy Quinn (Sep 2008-Jan 2009)
Kevin Bond (Oct 2006-Sep 2008)
Sean O'Driscoll (Aug 2000-Sep 2006)
Mel Machin (Sep 1994-Aug 2000)

Pompey = 12




Michael Appleton (Nov 2011-Nov 2012)
Steve Cotterill (Jun 2010-Oct 2011)
Avram Grant (Nov 2009-May 2010)
Paul Hart (Feb-Nov 2009)
Tony Adams (Oct 2008-Feb 2009)
Harry Redknapp (Dec 2005-Oct 2008)
Alain Perrin (Apr-Nov 2005)
Velimir Zajec (Nov 2004-Apr 2005)
Harry Redknapp (Mar 2002-Nov 2004)
Graham Rix (Feb 2001-Mar 2002)
Steve Claridge (Oct 2000-Feb 2001)
Tony Pulis (Jan-Oct 2000)

TONY FERNANDES

DON'T MISS MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO FOR ALL THE REACTION

Saints Spotlight

SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2012/13

																
AUGUST																
Sun 19 Man City	A	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Ward-Prowse**	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon***	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert* 1	S Davis** 1	Sharp***
Sat 25 Wigan	H	L 0-2	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	S Davis*	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Do Prado	Rodriguez**	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Sharp**	Hoskins***
Tues 28 Stevenage (COC 2) . .A		W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Butterfield	Richardson	Seaborne	Shaw	Chaplow*	W-Prowse	Hammond**	Puncheon 1	Lee 1	Sharp*** 1	Reeves* 1	Chambers**	Hoskins***
SEPTEMBER																
Sun 2 Man United	H	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis	Puncheon*	Lallana***	Lambert** 1	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Rodriguez***
Sat 15 Arsenal	A	L 1-6	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld*	Fox 1	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Puncheon	Lallana	Lambert***	Yoshida*	Ramirez**	Rodriguez***
Sat 22 Aston Villa	H	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon*** 1	Ramirez	Lambert 2	Richardson*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Tues 25 Sheff Wed (COC 3) . .H		W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Hooiveld	Yoshida	Seaborne	W-Prowse	Cork**	Chaplow	De Ridder	Do Prado*	Rodriguez*** 2	Reeves*	Robinson**	Hoskins***
Sat 29 Everton	A	L 1-3	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Fonte	Yoshida	Clyne**	W-Prowse	S Davis	Lallana***	Rodriguez*	Ramirez 1	Lambert	Mayuka*	Reeves**	Chaplow***
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Sat 20 West Ham	A	L 1-4	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Yoshida	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana 1	Puncheon**	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Sun 28 Tottenham	H	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Puncheon*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana	Rodriguez 1	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Reeves***
Tues 31 Leeds (COC 4)A		L 0-3	K Davis	Butterfield	Hooiveld	Seaborne	Reeves	W-Prowse	Chaplow	Do Prado	De Ridder**	Mayuka	Lee*	Shaw*	Isgrove**	Reeves***
NOVEMBER																
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Sat 17 QPR	A															
Sun 25 Newcastle	H															
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Sat 8 Reading	H															
Sat 22 Sunderland	H															
Weds 26 Fulham	A															
Sat 29 Stoke	A															
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Sun 12 Sunderland	A															
Sun 19 Stoke	H															



OPENER: Saints' Morgan Schneiderlin turns to celebrate after heading Saints ahead against Swansea today.

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG		LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG		LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
KELVIN DAVIS	4	0	1	0	278	0	JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	RICKIE LAMBERT	8(2)	4	0	0	159(9)	92
PAULO GAZZANIGA	4	0	2	0	6	0	DAN SEABORNE	0	0	3	0	38(15)	0	JAY RODRIGUEZ	7(2)	1	1	2	8(2)	3
ARTUR BORUC	2	0	0	0	2	0	STEVE DE RIDDER	0	0	2	0	12(27)	4	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0(6)	0	1	0	1(6)	0
NATHANIEL CLYNE	9	1	0	0	9	1	RICHARD CHAPLOW	0(1)	0	3	0	50(12)	5	GASTON RAMIREZ	3(1)	1	0	0	3(1)	1
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	0	0	2	0	50(4)	0	DEAN HAMMOND	0	0	1	0	130(15)	11	BILLY SHARP	0(2)	0	1	1	12(6)	10
FRAZER RICHARDSON	2(1)	0	2	0	57(9)	0	JACK CORK	0	0	1	0	67(8)	0	TADANARI LEE	0	0	2	1	7(4)	2
DANNY FOX	7	1	0	0	46(4)	1	MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	9	1	0	0	139(28)	4	SAM HOSKINS	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
LUKE SHAW	0(1)	0	1(1)	0	1(3)	0	ADAM LALLANA	10	1	0	0	184(19)	48	CALUM CHAMBERS	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
RYAN DICKSON	0	0	0	0	9	0	STEVE DAVIS	9(1)	1	0	0	9(1)	0	BEN REEVES	0(2)	0	1(2)	1	4(8)	1
JOSE FONTE	10	2	0	0	125(1)	12	JAMES WARD-PROWSE	4(3)	0	3	0	9(3)	1	ANDY ROBINSON	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
JOS HOOIVELD	5(1)	0	2	0	48(1)	8	JASON PUNCHEON	7	1	1	1	51(4)	5	LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
MAYA YOSHIDA	6(1)	0	1	0	7(1)	0	GULY DO PRADO	3(4)	0	2	0	71(23)	22							

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

Saints Spotlight

SAINTS fans have besieged the *Daily Echo* website dailyecho.co.uk this week, commenting on Nigel Adkins' Saints future, the players' luxury boot camp and the relegation dogfight that the team is now in.

Here are a selection of your views...

Nate1994 says...

It's a tricky situation because a new manager would not really be able to do much with the squad we have even Pep would not be able to keep this team in the prem so the sacking is not the solution.

The players we have signed have been mediocre its lovely to have Gaston but we were crying out for defence and what did we get a Japanese defender from the dutch league when really we should have pumped for someone with experience of playing in a top division I'm not saying Maya is a bad player because that he isn't but still someone with experience would have been good.

I recall Jack Cork playing at right back at times so when he is back I would put him at rb and put Clyne at LB and play Fox as an attacker because going forward he is one good player and if we are lucky and we are still in it come January then you bring in the personnel (Michael Dawson) (Maynor Figueroa) etc and start the season from there as for the Gully saga he's going to play so it would be for the best if you get behind the lad. Believe boys believe!

Is that wotuwant says...

I can't believe all the sack Nigel Adkins claptrap. These so called Saints fans remind me of the so called Arsenal fans who decided that they had seen enough at 4 nil down against Reading and decided to go home early. Well I hope they beat the traffic.

Nigel Adkins took a so so Division one team through two straight promotions to a level when they are

SACKING NIGEL IS NOT THE SOLUTION

now playing against some of the best club teams in the world. At least 4 of the side every week are still the same players. They are the same players because Nigel Adkins has the vision to know that those he has kept have the potential - having been too good for League 1 and the Championship - to play successfully at the top level. If he is given the chance to prove it, we will return to a sustainable Premier League existence free from bankruptcy.

It is possible we will fail, but if we do we will come back up because this time we have sustainable financial foundations and a manager and squad too good for the Championship. It would be horrible to be relegated, but far worse to

get tow to the knee jerk, "home at half time if we're losing", lily livered, fair weather so called fans who lack the stomach to see us finishing the job of creating a solid club.

Hopefully Nicola Cortese is not stupid enough to read our comments, but if he does I hope that he remembers the long term vision of Marcus Liebherr rather than succumbing to the short termism of those fans with less fibre and backbone. The club was a mess for years last time we caved into the short term hiring and firing mentality and we only just survived. Nigel Adkins for as long as it takes...

mgyoung says...

Our squad is average and with the exemption of a few players will



BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

McDermott plays down talk of Reading spending spree

READING boss Brian McDermott has rubbished reports the club are due to bring in an influx of big-name players in the January transfer window.

Anton Zingarevich, the club's billionaire owner, was quoted on a Russian website earlier in the week saying he was targeting up to ten players to improve the Royals squad, which is still searching for its first Barclays Premier League win of the season.

But McDermott, who has been in charge at Reading since 2009, is determined to give his current crop a fair crack of the whip in the top flight.

When asked if he was expecting a number of marquee arrivals when the transfer window opens McDermott was unequivocal in his response.

"No, no chance. I don't work like that," he said.

"We have brought a number of players in for the future and the present in the summer and worked with the budget that we had.

"That would be disrespectful to the players we have here at this moment in time, these players are a great bunch of people.



TARGET? Andrey Arshavin, right.

"They are close, they are competing in each and every game there is no doubt about that."

Zingarevich specifically named Arsenal forward Andrey Arshavin as one of the players he would like to bring to the Madejski Stadium but McDermott refused to be drawn on any specifics.

He said: "I never talk about players we haven't got. We will identify areas we think can be strengthened so I'm sure when January comes we can talk about every new player we want to talk about.

"The league we are in, you can't go and have a coffee without it being in the papers.

"I understand that, it is not a problem to me, it is not a big deal and won't be a big deal to Arsenal - it happens to their players all the time.

"I talk about the group we have now. Every single person at the club, around the training ground, is going in the same direction - I think you can see that.

"We knew it was not going to be easy but I have to say everyone is in a really good place."

Despite being constrained by the transfer windows McDermott revealed his player recruitment drive is active throughout the year.

"Of course it is, we have a scouting system - we are looking, of course we are looking and we will always be looking," he said.

Next boot camp at Travelodge?

Barcelona Saint says...

Well Barcelona do it at La Masia. It works for them but they've got little more money to throw around.

If we don't win this weekend then I expect their next boot camp will be a travelodge."

Alicesdad says...

Management psychology to break problem periods when things aren't going well. All good standard management stuff, well done Nigel.

Don't knock the man, or the club, for this approach. Its well meant and may be effective. We shall see. The only difference in this respect between us and Chelsea is that they would have gone to Bora Bora or the Maldives. Saints go to Dogmersfield.

Keep behind the team every-

body. They need to know we are there and right behind them."

ventnorsaint says...

THE NEWS OF THIS PAMPERING! has shocked me.

The players don't need mollycoddling, or encouraging for doing so badly so far, they need to be told to up their effort and workrate!

This beggars belief! This truly ridiculous decision does tell me that the Management of this club has lost the plot!

Heaven help us.
Up the Saints."

saintsupnorth says...

Think this a brilliant idea, Because in the previous matches you could tell the losses were getting to the players. There was just no fight there anymore and you could see there confidence

has taken a battering. So fingers crossed a bit of mental healing restores there hunger. Confident we will see the same team again that scared the living daylight out of Man City and Utd."

InCortese wetrust says...

Luxury boot camp? Give them a good pampering they have truly deserved it bless um! Why not give them a gold badge too whilst there at it, if I was in charge id send the lot of them labouring for builders on a cold damp muddy site! On £7ph, that will teach them the true meaning of hard graft, maybe they would appreciate there position in life, ungrateful detached from the real world Bunch of f*****, I'd make it a regular thing too until they can stand up and actually make a good go of it, I don't expect them to be world beaters, just show a bit more willing."

BOOK of the WEEK

This Is Me, By Ian Thorpe

Sportbookofthethemonth.com
price: £10.80, saving 46% (£9.20) on rrp

If Clare Balding was our Olympic head girl, the ultra-professional, unflustered, well-briefed presenter who stood head and shoulders above anyone else at the BBC as the nation gorged itself on a combination of sport and patriotism, then Ian Thorpe quickly became her equally accomplished sidekick.

Up until the point at which Clare and her guests hung precariously above the Olympic pool each night and created must-watch television, few of us knew much about the Sydney-born Thorpe, other than he must have been very, very good because he won five Olympic golds as well as three silver and one bronze.

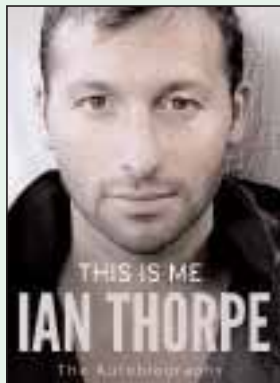
En route, he established an astonishing twenty two world records.

Not as though the modest Thorpe boasted about any of this.

During the Games, he became one of those rare souls – a likeable foreigner Britons immediately take to their collective bosom and declare, “we like this guy; let’s have him back.”

And here he is, with a startlingly honest autobiography.

Many readers might expect a ‘standard’ Aussie sporting character to



emerge from *This Is Me*: committed, strong and possessing a fierce will to win, but this would cover only part of Thorpe’s extraordinary story.

It’s incredible to learn that this jaunty, seemingly happy-go-lucky man has, in his own words, suffered ‘crippling depression’ and even contemplated suicide.

During his worst bouts, Thorpe would turn to alcohol, because, he reveals, “it was the only way I could get to sleep.”

It’s a staggering admission from a man who, at the age of 14, became the youngest male swimmer to represent Australia and went on to become the youngest ever individual male world champion.

Thorpe had everything at his feet – a burgeoning career peppered with astonishing records: eleven world championship titles and ten Commonwealth Games gold medals amongst his incredible haul.

Yet the intense pressure almost suffocated him and, in 2006, he retired from competitive swimming and life as an elite athlete.

Last year, Thorpe decided to make a hugely publicised comeback.

After reading of his ups and downs away from swimming, you could only wish him well – and, of course, he can come back here any time he wants.

TOOLSTATION
A LOT MORE THAN TOOLS

FA Cup spotlight ... FA Cup spotlight ...

Extra proof that non-league football is no wasteland

LOAN STAR: Jake Gosling celebrates the goal which dumped Plymouth out of the FA Cup.

AS a lifelong Exeter City fan, it was a fantastic sight to see.

Live on television, there it was – a Grecians striker firing home the winning goal to dump our arch rivals Plymouth out of the FA Cup.

Pity Jake Gosling was playing on loan at Dorchester Town when it happened



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rather than for his parent club, but never mind!

At least it happened.

Imagine, Saints fans, what this felt like – imagine someone like Ben Reeves being sent out on loan to a non league club and him then popping up with the goal that knocked Pompey out of the world’s greatest club knockout tournament.

Yes, it was that good.

Jake Gosling started his career at Plymouth, but was released. He has never even managed a first team appearance for Exeter, and we’ve hardly enjoyed the best of times over the last 18 months.

This is what football should be all about.

Let’s not be left in any doubt when I say this – the FA Cup will never lose its romantic appeal and capacity to produce shocks.

Look at the

events which took place at Chelmsford City last Saturday.

The club from the same division as Eastleigh and Salisbury won their Essex derby 3-1 at home to League 1 outfit Colchester.

Imagine Eastleigh beating Bournemouth or Portsmouth in the FA Cup.

This is the scale of Chelmsford’s achievement, which of course got very few column inches in the national press and most of those papers don’t start to notice the competition until early January.

Dorchester are two divisions below Argyle in the football pyramid, but you wouldn’t have thought it.

Ok, the gap in class was helpfully trimmed by the strange decision to send off a Plymouth player after just nine minutes for a second bookable offence, a quickly-taken free-kick.

But who cares! Certainly not me!

The Dorset club – managed by ex-Fareham and Hamworthy United boss Phil Simpkin – were one of four teams in the FA Cup first round who beat opponents from two divisions higher.

CARRY ON DREAMING: David Beckham lookalike Jamie Gleeson.

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FA Cup spotlight ... FA Cup spotlight ...



CUP OF JOY: Mark Jermyn and Nathan Walker celebrate Dorchester's famous win with a person dressed as the FA Cup. As you do.

A miserable weekend for Devon football – Exeter went out at League 1 strugglers Bury – was completed by Torquay crashing out 1-0 at home to Harrogate from the Blue Square North.

Conference side Hereford United defeated Shrewsbury 3-1 at Edgar Street. There was no Ronnie Radford-type screamers and hundreds of parka-clad youngsters invading a muddy pitch – a la the club's win against Newcastle 40 years ago – but it was still, if not a giant-killing, a shock nonetheless.

And then we had possibly the most eyebrow-raising result of the lot.

Macclesfield Town, from the Conference, went to Paolo Di Canio's upwardly-mobile Swindon Town side and won 2-0. Only a few days earlier Swindon had only just lost to Aston Villa in the Capital One Cup. Back in August the Robins went to Stoke City and won 4-3.

To go from knocking out Premier League opposition away in one cup to losing at home to a non league club in another, that is Swindon's impressive feat.

That is, dear reader, the magic of the FA Cup.

There was almost a fifth addition to the list.

Burton Albion, who won at Leicester in the Capital One Cup back in August,

needed a last-minute leveller to prevent home humiliation against two divisions lower Altrincham.

Elsewhere, we had a League 2 club putting six past a League 1 side – Chesterfield humbling Hartlepool – and Nuneaton, from the bottom of the Conference, drawing away to a Luton Town side who are second in the same division.

Superb results one and all, and sufficient proof that football can warm the heart after all.

The sport isn't all about players diving to get other professionals booked or sent off, it's not about seeing high profile England internationals in court on racism charges, it's not about reporting a referee for a so-called racist remark, it's not all about focussing on numbskulls making alleged monkey gestures at black players.

It might seem that way if all you care about is the Premier League, but there's more to life than the top flight of English football.

Thank God.

Give me part-time players dancing in the mud with a person dressed up as the FA Cup!

That is the true spirit of football.

Perhaps you have had to spend your entire life supporting a lower division

club, as I have, to appreciate that.

Dorchester's 'reward' – if you can call it that – for their moment of glory was a trip to Luton or Nuneaton.

To lose there, at another non league club, with the potential riches to be made from drawing Manchester United in the third round only 90 minutes away would be galling in the extreme.

Still, better to lose in the second round than the first.

For a few more weeks anyway, the Warholian 15 minutes of fame is stretched out.

Three former Eastleigh players can keep on dreaming.

Goalkeeper Jason Matthews, ex-Saints academy lad Jamie Gleeson, and Ashley Nicholls can wonder what it would be like to play at Old Trafford and Anfield for a few more weeks at least.

Sometimes dreams do come true.

Remember Havant & Waterlooville leading Liverpool at Anfield in 2008, before losing 5-2?

So well done Jake Gosling. May you score many more goals live on television, but this time for Exeter.

And well done Dorchester Town, Chelmsford City and Harrogate – showing everyone that non league football below the Conference is not the tumbleweed-infected wasteland that many armchair Premier League 'supporters' would presume it was.

Did You Know?

STEVEN Gerrard will become the sixth man to win 100 England international caps if he plays against Sweden next Wednesday.

ENGLAND MOST CAPPED INTERNATIONALS

1 Peter Shilton	125
2 David Beckham	115
3 Bobby Moore	108
4 Bobby Charlton	106
5 Billy Wright	105
6 Steven Gerrard	99
6 Ashley Cole	99
8 Frank Lampard	93
9 Bryan Robson	90
10 Michael Owen	89
11 Kenny Sansom	86
12 Gary Neville	85
13 Ray Wilkins	84
14 Rio Ferdinand	81
15 Gary Lineker	80
16 John Barnes	79
17 Stuart Pearce	78
17 John Terry	78
17 Wayne Rooney	78
20 Terry Butcher	77

SCOTLAND MOST CAPPED INTERNATIONALS

1 Kenny Dalglish	102
2 Jim Leighton	91
3 Alex McLeish	77
4 Paul McStay	76
5 Tom Boyd	72
6 David Weir	69
7 Christian Dailly	67
8 Willie Miller	65
9 Kenny Miller	64
10 Danny McGrain	62

WALES MOST CAPPED INTERNATIONALS

1 Neville Southall	92
2 Gary Speed	85
3 Dean Saunders	75
4 Peter Nicholas	73
5 Ian Rush	73
6 Mark Hughes	72
Joey Jones	71
8 Craig Bellamy	70
9 Ivor Allchurch	68
10 Brian Flynn	66

NORTHERN IRELAND MOST CAPPED INTERNATIONALS

Pat Jennings	119
David Healy	93
Mal Donaghy	91
Sammy McIlroy	88
Maik Taylor	88
Keith Gillespie	86
Aaron Hughes	80
Jimmy Nicholl	73
Michael Hughes	71
David McCreery	67
Nigel Worthington	66
Martin O'Neill	64
Gerry Armstrong	63
Iain Dowie	59
Terry Neill	59
Chris Baird	57
Billy Bingham	56
Damien Johnson	56
Danny Blanchflower	56

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND MOST CAPPED INTERNATIONALS

1 Shay Given	125
2 Robbie Keane	121
3 Kevin Kilbane	110
4 Steve Staunton	102
5 Damien Duff	100
6 Niall Quinn	91
7 Tony Cascarino	88
8 Paul McGrath	83
9 John O'Shea	82
10 Packie Bonner	80
11 Richard Dunne	76
12 Ray Houghton	73
13 Kenny Cunningham	72
13 Liam Brady	72
15 Kevin Moran	71
15 Frank Stapleton	71
17 Andy Townsend	70
18 John Aldridge	69

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Non-league Football

Non-league News

Hero extends stay
FA CUP hero Jake Gosling is staying with Blue Square Bet South club Dorchester Town for another month.

The Exeter City loanee grabbed the Magpies' first round winner against Plymouth Argyle last Sunday and manager Phil Simkin is delighted to have retained his services.

"I've spoken to (Exeter's director of football) Steve Perryman and they are going to let us keep Jake for another month, which is fantastic," he said.

"Plymouth just couldn't deal with him on Sunday and the fact he is staying on with us for a while longer is very pleasing indeed."

Fans vote for Glen
EASTLEIGH fans have voted skipper Glen Southam, pictured, as their player-of-the-month for October.

The industrious midfielder, signed from Dover Athletic during the summer, headed Jai Reason and Damian Scannell in the poll.

The experienced Southam, 32, was handed the captain's armband by manager Richard Hill following Daryl McMahon's September departure to Dover.

Blackfield home help
KNOCKOUT specialists Blackfield & Langley have been drawn at home to Newport IoW in the quarter-finals of the Sydenhams League Cup.

The Watersiders were the last Wessex club standing in the FA Cup, are still going strong in the Vase and have knocked holders Christchurch out of the League Cup.

Last season's beaten finalists, Brockenhurst, have also been blessed with a home draw against AFC Portchester.

Sydenhams League Cup quarter final draw (matches to be played in the last week of November): Blackfield & Langley v Newport IoW, Brockenhurst v AFC Portchester, Bournemouth Poppies v East Cowes Vics, US Portsmouth v Alresford Tn.



BUTTERS PRAISE FOR

Eastleigh boss hailed as the perfect mentor

GUY Butters is looking to step up his education as a football manager after leading Winchester City to the Sydenhams Premier Division title last term.

And Eastleigh's recently installed assistant boss says he couldn't have picked a better man to learn from than Spitfires supremo Richard Hill, writes **WENDY GEE**.

The friendship between the pair dates back to the year 2000 when the 6ft 3in Butters was an imposing centre-half for Gillingham with about 200 games for Spurs and Portsmouth under his belt.

"It was the year we beat Wigan in the Second Division play-off final," he recalled. "Peter Taylor had just left the club and Andy Hesselthaler got the manager's job.

"We went away in pre-season to Corfu and Hilly came out with us as Andy's assistant.

"I worked with Richard for a season and he's a fantastic manager and coach."

With Butters based in Hedge End and Hill living in Oxfordshire, the pair's paths hadn't crossed too often over the years.

But Butters said: "I kept in touch with Richard on and off and him needing an assistant manager at Eastleigh coincided with me having just resigned at Winchester."

When he left the Denplan City Ground at the end of September, Butters' intention was to devote more time to Brighton & Hove Albion, where he holds down a full-time community coach/mentor and scouting job.



LEARNING CURVE: Guy Butters.

But the Hillingdon-born former England under-21 international is also working towards his UEFA A coaching licence and believes that Hill, who learned his trade as a right-hand man to the likes of Brian Little at Aston Villa, makes the ideal mentor.

"Richard is a great coach and manager to learn from – just look at his record," said Butters.

"He's worked with John Gregory at Wycombe and QPR, Brian Little at Aston Villa and Andy Hesselthaler at Gillingham.

"Working with him is another big part of the learning curve for me.

"I know people thought something had happened with Eastleigh before I left Winchester, but it's true that I



CALLING THE SHOTS: Eastleigh manager Richard Hill.

had a lot of hours offered to me by Brighton.

"I got a call from Richard a week later and the chance to work with a coach and manager like him was too good to turn down, particularly with Eastleigh being on my doorstep.

"Richard has been around some of the big names in football and it's

the way he gets his point across and communicates with the players.

"When I'm sat alongside him on the bench some of the things he says really open my eyes and make me look at things in a different way.

"I've always tended to look at things as a player, but he can see things from off the pitch that put a different perspective on it.

"It's not just concentrating on what goes on on the ball, it's noticing everything around it.

"Richard puts on coaching sessions that I've never seen before and there's so much stuff I can learn from."

Butters, 42, is no stranger to the Conference South having had a spell with Eastleigh's south coast rivals Havant & Waterlooville in 2008/09 before joining Winchester, initially as a player.

"I know Eastleigh through my links with Havant, although I only played about ten games down there," he said.

"Eastleigh have always been of interest to me and I've kept an eye on them over the years. I read the *Daily Echo* and I know a few people who have played here in the past.

"It's a fantastic set-up and things come back to you about your professional days.

"Eastleigh is as near to the pro game at a non-League club as I have ever been."

Title is Salisbury's for the taking

EASTLEIGH boss Richard Hill is convinced the Blue Square Bet South crown is Salisbury City's for the taking.

Although Darrell Clarke's, pictured, Whites dropped two precious points in a 1-1 home draw against Maidenhead United last Saturday, they still have a sizeable advantage at the top.

Ten wins and three draws from their opening 15 league games has left them nine points clear of chasing Chelmsford City, who have two games in hand, with Eastleigh a further point behind in third.

With just over a third of the season gone, there is still all to play for, but Hill already views Salisbury as firm favourites for the title.

"The league is theirs to lose," he insisted.

"In my opinion, Hayes & Yeading are the best side in the league, but statistics show that Salisbury have been more consistent than anyone else.

"It's not just a flash in the pan, they have consistently got results over the first dozen games or so.

"Having played the same amount of games as us, Salisbury have got 33 points so they've obviously produced some good football and played well."

Before the season started, it was Eastleigh who were being tipped for the title after a big-spending summer that

saw 11 new players check into the Silverlake arrivals lounge.

The team's failure to live up to that billing cost Hill's predecessor Ian Baird his job but, on the back of some terrific home results, the Spitfires are now right in the mix.

"I said when I arrived that we needed to average two points a game for the rest of the season and, if we do that, the minimum we will achieve is the play-offs," said Hill.

"We've achieved that so far, but to keep that going for another 27 games is a big challenge."

With Mark Hughes picking up an injury against Sutton United last Saturday and suspensions possibly in the pipeline, Hill bolstered Eastleigh's midfield this week with the loan signing of Jamie Hand from Mansfield Town.



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'FANTASTIC' HILL



Ademeno gets chance to impress



CHARLES ADEMENO

CHARLES Ademeno has signed for Blue Square Bet South leaders Salisbury City with a view to earning himself a full-time contract.

Ademeno is a familiar face at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium, having previously had two spells on loan there from Southend United in 2008/09.

Following his release from Southend that summer Ademeno signed for Crawley Town where he made headlines with a four-minute hat-trick against Grays Athletic.

He attracted attention from several Football League clubs – including Saints – in the January 2010 transfer window, but nothing materialised.

Ademeno joined Conference National outfit Grimsby in June that year and moved on to AFC Wimbledon before linking up with former Salisbury boss Tommy Widdrington at Eastbourne Borough.

The 23-year-old was released last month and is keen to impress again at high-flying Salisbury, where he previously scored six goals in 20 games.

Welcoming Ademeno back to the Ray Mac, Whites boss Darrell

Clarke said: "Charles is a player I know a lot about having played with him during his last spell here.

"He has great attributes, but has lost his way in the game a little bit of late.

"He comes here with an opportunity to impress. Having a player of his ability in the squad increases competition for places and gives everyone a lift."

Salisbury are still well clear at the Conference South summit but were frustrated to be pegged back for a 1-1 home draw by Maidenhead United last Saturday.

Dan Fitchett capitalised on an inviting delivery by Exeter loanee Elliott Frear to put City ahead on 11 minutes but, six minutes later, Reece Tilson-Lascaris equalised.

Salisbury had chances to win it, but Clarke admitted: "It just didn't drop for us."

"We dominated all round and, on another day, we probably would have won."

"But fair play to Maidenhead, they threw bodies on the line and defended well."

One big boost for Salisbury was the return of skipper Chris Giles to the starting eleven after a long spell on the sidelines.

DJ calls tune for Spitfires

WITH so many pedigree players joining Eastleigh during the summer, you would little have imagined an unknown 17-year-old breaking into their Blue Square Bet South ranks.

But that is precisely what happened for the last 20 minutes against Sutton United last Saturday when league debutant David Whittaker, pictured below, replaced vastly experienced former Barnet skipper Mark Hughes in central midfield.

The youngster, who hails from Bournemouth, could easily have been overwhelmed playing alongside such seasoned Football League/Conference National campaigners as Craig McAllister, Damian Scannell, Glen Southam and Jai Reason.

But Whittaker looked totally unfazed by the occasion and his first contribution was to set up an Eastleigh attack with a smart pass out to the left.

"I played for Grant Orchard at Winchester Youth who then merged with Eastleigh's under-18s," the youngster explained after the game.

"I've been training with the first-team squad and got the call-up yesterday (Friday), which felt really good."

"All this experience helps you so much."

Whittaker, part of Eastleigh's double-winning Hampshire County Youth League under-18 side, broke into the Suburban League reserve set-up around this time last year and kept his place for the rest of the season.

He remains a key member of the Spitfires' reserve team squad, playing and training under Dan Wright and Dave Hazlegrove, and got his first taste of first-team action in last month's 3-0 Hampshire FA Senior Cup win over Christchurch.

Whittaker, who turns 18 this month, noticed a big difference between Conference South football and the Suburban League when he was thrown into the heat of the battle against Sutton.

"It's so much quicker at this level," said the Bournemouth School sixth form student, better known as 'DJ.'

Asked his ambition with Eastleigh, Whittaker – as tigerish on the field as he is quiet off it – added: "I just hope to keep training with them to start with. That's a good way to keep improving and, hopefully, I can push myself into the squad for a few games."

"I like to pass the ball and create stuff, but at the moment my game is more about breaking up play and keeping the ball."



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One in, one out at Town
SYDENHAM'S Premier outfit Fareham Town have brought one player in and waved goodbye to another.

Midfielder Robbie Pittman has made the switch to divisional neighbours AFC Portchester, while Town have welcomed in Jordan O'Donnell from Evo-Stik South & West outfit Poole Town.

Right-back O'Donnell made his debut for Tom Killick's Dolphins in August this year, going on as a substitute in a 1-1 draw at Taunton Town.

Fleet in mourning

FORMER Fleet Town chairman Graham Smith has lost his battle with cancer, aged just 49.

Smith first became involved with the north Hampshire club in 2005/06, succeeding Martin Griffiths as chairman in May 2006.

During four seasons in the post, he oversaw the most successful period in the club's long history under former team boss Andy Sinton.

Fleet were involved in three play-off semi-finals, reached the third qualifying round of the FA Cup for the first time and won the 2008/09 Hampshire FA Senior Cup final against Sholing at St Mary's.

Smith stood down in May 2010 due to illness and sadly passed away last week.

A Fleet statement said: "Graham was a much-liked man at the club and will be remembered fondly by everyone there who knew him for his courtesy and fair-mindedness."

Down in the dumps

DOWNTON blew the chance to go back to the Sydenhams Premier summit, beaten 1-0 at Newport IoW on Wednesday night.

The Islanders had Alek Przespolewski sent off for a second yellow card just after the hour, but the ten men triumphed thanks to GC Giancovich's deflected 75th-minute free kick.

It ended a seven-game unbeaten run for Downton, leaving them two points adrift of leaders Christchurch having played one game more.

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Austen makes Sholing return

EVO-STIK South & West outfit Sholing have brought Jamie Austen back into the Silverlake Arena fold.

The popular midfielder, skipper of AFC Totton's 2007 FA Vase final side, left the Boatmen to join Wessex neighbours GE Hamble last season.

But he hasn't featured for the Planemakers this term and is currently building up fitness in Sholing's reserves.

Along with winger Marvin McLean, who has been sidelined with injury, Austen, pictured below, played in Wednesday's 5-0 win at Poole Town in the Wyvern Combination League.

Sholing manager Dave Diaper explained: "We've signed Jamie back on as cover in the case of emergency."

"He loves it here and it's good to have him back involved."

"His work commitments mean he is not always available in mid-week and he is still working on his fitness in the reserves."

"But I've got a lot of time for Jamie. He's a typical Sholing player and it's good to have him back on the scene."

New signing Charlie Smeeton also has work to do on his fitness following his arrival from league rivals Winchester City last week.

The Isle of Wight-based wide-man made a luke-warm debut in last Saturday's 2-1 defeat by league leaders Hungerford Town, but Diaper insists there is more to come.

"Charlie had an average game against Hungerford by his standards, but he hasn't played much football recently," said the boss. "I've always liked Charlie and once he reaches match sharpness he's going to be a good asset for us."

"We've got a decent squad when everyone's fit and available."



Millers missing Ward's tackling and talk ...

Big shoes to Phil

IT GOES without saying that Totton & Eling miss the experience and quality of skipper Phil Ward when he is not playing.

But what has become all too apparent in recent games is that they also miss the big centre-back's organisational and communication skills.

The Millers coped well initially without Ward, winning 3-0 at Moneyfields despite losing him in the opening minutes at Dover Road to an ankle injury.

But three hard-hitting defeats followed with T&E losing 5-2 and 5-0 in the league to Fawley and Christchurch and bowing out of the Sydenhams League Cup 3-0 to lower league Brockenhurst.

"Phil's our skipper and we're always going to miss his experience and quality but, without him, we don't have a lot of communicators in the side," admitted manager Kev Dawtry.

"We do have a tendency when we go a goal down to concede more immediately."

"We did it at Weymouth in the FA Cup replay and at Christchurch last Saturday where we were 4-0 down after half an hour."

"As a management team we can only direct from the sidelines if things start to go wrong and at some stage the players have got to start communicating and look after themselves."

"We had a soft penalty given against us at Christchurch and it affected the players, which it shouldn't have done. There was still another 75 minutes to go."

"The Christchurch player (Russell Cook) fell over himself, but the referee said there

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had been contact. When you let something like that affect you, you lose concentration and that's what we appeared to do."

Although Totton & Eling played well at times against Christchurch, they paid a high price for some poor judgement and decision making.

"All over the field we need to take a look at how we approach the game," said Dawtry.

"In all honesty, we didn't play that badly but you can't make some of the decisions we made in terms of defending and expect to get away with it."

"Maybe our players have lost a bit of focus," he ventured.

"We went through a spell like this last year when we leaked goals like nobody's business, but we managed to change things round and tighten things up."

"We're having another blip at the moment, but hopefully we can work hard and put it right."

"We need to get back to winning games. If you can string three or four wins together, like we did before, you're right back up there."

Unfortunately for the Millers, they came up short again on Wednesday, humbled 3-2 at home by lowly Hayling United who scored through Lee Tigwell, Glynn Cooper and Steve Blackwell.

Sammy Carter struck twice for T&E, but visiting keeper Luke Hutchings frustrated them on several occasions, including a penalty save from Matt Monk.



KEY MAN: Totton & Eling's Phil Ward, left.



Bradbury's a loan arranger

LEE Bradbury has used his Football League connections to take a couple of loan players to Havant & Waterlooville.

The former AFC Bournemouth manager, pictured left, handed debuts to Portsmouth left-back Dan Butler and central midfielder Stephan Hamilton-Forbes in last weekend's 1-0 home

defeat by Welling United which was decided by Ross Lafayette's late goal.

Butler, 18, joined Pompey on a two-year scholarship in July 2010 and signed a one-year professional deal in June.

He played in Pompey's 3-0 Capital One Cup defeat at the hands of Plymouth at the start of the season -

his only senior appearance to date.

Hamilton-Forbes is a graduate of Watford's academy system and signed a one-year pro deal with the Hornets in April.

He has previous non-League experience, having spent part of 2011/12 on loan at Harrow Borough.

Although chairman Derek Pope has

assured fans that the Hawks' financial position remains "strong" despite the departure of vice-chairman Jim Fallon, there are moves afoot to trim the squad.

Central defender Sam Pearce, who recently had a spell as Hawks captain, has joined Southern Premier neighbours Gosport Borough on a three-

month loan and Jordan Roberts has returned to Aldershot Town after a couple of cameo roles for the first team.

"We're overstaffed. We've got 24 players and we need 18," said Pope in the wake of the Welling defeat.

"But we're strong and our ambitions are still the same. We've had a bit of a knock-back but we'll be there."

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GE HAMBLE are hoping new signing **Nick Watts** can fill the massive void left by injured winger **Rory Williams**.

Williams, arguably the Planemakers' stand-out performer this season, faces a long stretch on the sidelines after falling awkwardly and rupturing shoulder ligaments against New Milton Town last week.

The former Gosport Borough and Andover wide man is feared to be out for at least ten to 12 weeks and leaves new signing Watts with a tough act to follow.

But co-boss Dave Lewis believes new arrival Watts, signed from Winchester City, is up to the task.

"Nick made his debut at Bournemouth Poppies last Saturday and played really well," he said.

"We're looking at him to fill Rory's boots.

"Players like Rory, Lloyd (Webber) and Musser (Jamie Musselwhite) are all irreplaceable, but we're hopeful that Nick can do the job."

Watts, 20, was on Portsmouth's books as a youth player and joined Hamble's Southern League neighbours Sholing, initially on loan, following his release from Fratton Park three years ago.

He played regularly for Dave Diaper's team but left during the summer to join newly-promoted Sydenhams League champions Winchester City.

Lewis, son of former Sholing chairman Trevor, said: "With the connections I've got at Sholing, I'd been aware of Nick for some time.

"Things didn't work out for him at Winchester and we've capitalised on it.

"He's another young, local lad who fits in with what we're trying to do and the fact that he has played in the Southern League is important.

"If we want to win the Wessex League, we do need some experience from the league above.

"We changed our shape to a 4-5-1 at Bournemouth with Nick playing wide left and it worked well.

"The players did more than enough to win comfortably, but it wasn't to be."



EXPERIENCE: Nick Watts, right, has played in the Southern League.

LEWIS BACKING WATTS TO SHINE

Despite hitting the woodwork three times, Hamble lost 1-0 to Kenny Vaughan's Poppies and their cause wasn't helped by having a strong penalty appeal turned down.

"We controlled 70 per cent of the game and we should have had a penalty when Liam Crook got goal-side of their player and was bundled over from behind just as he was about to get a shot away. The player's almost landed on top of him," said Lewis.

"The ref, who was otherwise outstanding, was well placed but didn't give it."

Hamble's week lurched from bad to worse on Tuesday when they were surprisingly beaten 4-1 at home by AFC Portchester and had goalkeeper Ryan Gosney and skipper Lloyd Webber sent off.

Having fallen behind when Gosney gave a penalty away, the Planemakers hit back through Richard Gregory to go in 1-1 at half-time.

But the scoreline went downhill alarmingly after the break – taking Hamble's discipline with it.

"We controlled the first half, but then they made it 2-1 from a corner despite a push on (Hamble defender) Scott Gilham," said Lewis.

"They then made it 3-1 with a goal that was four yards offside and, as we chased the game, gaps began appearing and the players started to lose their discipline.

"Ryan came out of his area, missed the ball and brought a player down and was red-carded and then Lloyd said something and got a second yellow for foul and abusive language.

"The referee Dan Berry did well but the reason we lost our discipline was that some of the linemen's decisions were awful. I feel our players' pain.

"We've been playing well and I totally back our players. There are no massive problems, we're just not getting Lady Luck."

Kemp only has eyes for title

MANAGER Graham Kemp admits Christchurch's cup woes have left them with one major aim this season – winning the Sydenhams Premier title.

Kemp's men have been in scintillating form in the Premier Division this term with ten victories from 12 matches.

But Priory have struggled in the knockout contests with early exits from the FA Cup, Vase and, most recently, the Sydenhams League Cup which they won last year.

"The league is now by far our priority," said Kemp, below.

"We have only got that and the Russell Cotes Cup left, so we have pretty much put all our eggs in one basket."

Christchurch bounced straight back from their League Cup disappointment against Blackfield & Langley to pummel Totton & Eling 5-0 last Saturday in the league.

Ben Osborne was the star of the Hurn Bridge show with a hat-trick – including two penalties – and

Billy Puckett and Dan Thompson finished the job.

"After the game Totton & Eling's manager said we were the hardest-working team in the league by a mile," said Kemp.

"Work-rate is what any success is built on and I am happy with that.

"We were back at our best."

Totton & Eling boss Kev Dawtry said: "No excuses, Christchurch deserved to win.

"They're a very, very hard-working side and well organised – and they took their chances.

"In all honesty, they were more clinical than we were."

Asked if he viewed Priory as title contenders, he said: "They're one of a number of clubs (who could win it)."

Provided they buck up their ideas, Totton & Eling could also be in the hunt for honours, but Dawtry said: "I can't see Christchurch doing what we've done in the last couple of weeks and leaking goals."

On Tuesday night Christchurch made a return trip to Fareham Town – scene of their September FA Cup demise.

They again found themselves in a tough match, drawing 1-1 in the league.

Priory went ahead on the hour through Osborne but conceded a Graham Lindsey header with around 15 minutes to go.

"We pushed for the winner and missed a couple of gilt-edged chances," Kemp reflected.

"It's a bit disappointing, but I wouldn't say it was an unfair result.

"In the scheme of things it's not a bad outcome because Fareham are decent side.

"But, given the chances we had, it might be an opportunity missed."

Sydenhams sharpshooters sidelined



GE HAMBLE'S Rory Williams is not the only Sydenhams Premier sharpshooter with troubles to shoulder.

The Planemakers' winger – scorer of 13 goals this season – has been joined on the sidelines by Bournemouth Poppies' marksman Scott Joyce.

Joyce, a tree surgeon by trade, fell and landed on a wall and it was only after the swelling went down that he noticed a snapped bone sticking out of his shoulder.

Like Williams, Poppies' top scorer, who has netted 11 goals in as many starts this term, will be out until after the new year.

His presence will be sorely missed by Bournemouth who travel to Blackfield & Langley in the FA Vase second round next Saturday (November 17) looking to repeat last season's heroics when they reached the quarter-finals.

"I am gutted, especially missing the Vase game," said Joyce, who underwent a successful operation last week. "Just as I was getting back to full fit-

ness and finding form again, this happens."

Reflecting on news of Joyce's injury, Blackfield assistant manager Glenn Burnett said: "Scott's a good player who has done well for Poppies.

"We've had some injuries ourselves to Dom Allen, Paul Preston and Joe Byrne but we do have some depth in the squad and have players to fill those places.

"The FA Vase is something everyone at Blackfield has been having a bit of a think about, especially after what Poppies achieved last year.

"It didn't take them long to go quite far quite quickly.

"The big thing for us next Saturday is that we're at home. We're unbeaten at Gang Warily and our home form has been exceptional."

Blackfield have been boosted by the arrival of experienced former Salisbury, Poole and Wimborne midfielder Gary Funnell – son of ex-Saint Tony – who made his debut as a sub in

last Saturday's 0-0 stalemate at Hamworthy United.

In a dress rehearsal for next Saturday's tie, Blackfield visited Poppies in the league on Tuesday.

The omens didn't look good when the Watersiders – shorn of seven players – slipped 2-0 down.

But ex-Poppies man Jake Rowley began the fightback from 25 yards and, by half-time, Blackfield were 3-2 up.

Nathan Lynch levelled with a header from TJ McClory-Cuthbertson's corner before Alex Baldacchino struck from the penalty spot.

The Watersiders, driven on by player-boss Ashley Vickers at centre-half, had the better of it after the break and Lynch crowned their 4-2 win with another header off the underside of the bar.

"It was a good three points considering the players we had missing," said Burnett. "Kev Gibbens pulled out injured and Scott Sampson was ill."

FALL: Scott Joyce.

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Nolan quick to impress

BROCKENHURST have recruited young midfielder Pip Nolan to assist their promotion push from Sydenhams One.

Having received his Wessex League education with Premier Division high-fliers GE Hamble, Nolan made his debut for the Badgers in last Saturday's excellent 3-1 victory at league leaders Cowes Sports.

With the experienced Warren Kenna sidelined with a calf injury, Brockenhurst were in need of an engine room boost.

And, despite his tender years, Nolan brings a calming influence to the central midfield zone.

"Pip's only young, but he's very calming on the field," said Brock boss John Pyatt.

"He doesn't rush things, he likes to get the ball down and play.

"He came and played a friendly for us in pre-season, but he wanted to give it a go at Hamble, which was understandable.

"But it didn't quite work out for him and now he's come in and filled Warren Kenna's boots."

Having lost Nolan, Hamble lodged seven days' notice of approach with Brock for their former centre-back James Vinton who is enjoying a solid season at Grigg Lane.

Pyatt didn't really want to be drawn on the matter, but said: "James has no intention of going anywhere.

"He came to us from Hamble last season because he wasn't getting in there and he had some good defenders ahead of him.

"It took a while for him to get into our side, but he's gone from strength to strength."

Having won their first eight games of the season, Cowes Sports' bubble was finally burst at Westwood Park last Saturday.

Jamie Rogers set Brock on course for victory with a rocket shot from the edge of the box from Darren Ritchie's corner.

Then, following good work from Mike Spinney, pictured above, Lee Clark delivered a whipped-in cross which Cowes put through their own net to make it 2-0 at half-time.

Craig Insley replied for the Yachtsmen on 56 minutes, but Brock weathered the storm and made sure of the points when Mark Barker struck from the penalty spot after Ritchie had been brought down.

"Fair play to Cowes, they started the second half like a train and really came at us," said Pyatt. "But we defended our lead and saw the game out.

"Cowes are a good side who are quite industrious and they've got a great crowd over there, but we were worthy winners on the day."

Brockenhurst were unable to keep up the good work, however. Pyatt was proved right in his prediction that Tuesday's trip to Pewsey Vale would be "tough".

His team went down 3-0 in Wiltshire, blowing the chance to draw level on points with Cowes at the top.

FAWLEY'S ENGINE TROUBLE

FAWLEY AFC will have to plough on without "the engine that doesn't stop running."

The Oilers, who racked up their fourth straight Sydenhams Premier win by beating Hayling United 2-0 at Long Lane last Saturday, have lost livewire midfielder Lewis Ross for four to five weeks with ankle ligament damage.

Fawley boss Colin Lane warned a few weeks back that the talented teenager, pictured below, was in danger of burning himself out because he plays so much football.

As well as turning out for Fawley, Ross features for Bashley reserves in midweek and plays college football for Brockenhurst.

But, as Lane revealed, the enthusiastic youngster picked up the injury playing five-a-side with his mates.

"That lad can't stop kicking a ball around," said the Oilers manager. "He's playing all the time.

"He's our legs in midfield. He's got an engine that doesn't stop running.

"We'll miss his energy, but Ross hasn't played that much recently in any case. He split his mouth open against Portchester and has only played one of the last four games. We've been winning games without him."

After a stuttering start to the season which brought just one win from their first six league games, the Oilers are on a roll, having banked 15 of the last available 18 points.

It took them 25 minutes to break down a stubborn Hayling side last Saturday with Zac Anderson latching onto a through ball and beating the keeper with a cool finish.

Then, ten minutes before half-time, outstanding young centre-back Rob Flookes headed home from a corner to give the Watersiders something extra to defend after the break as they steeled themselves for the inevitable Hayling backlash.



BLOODIED: Mike Haskell nurses his wounds. Picture by Roy Mortimer

"It was backs to the wall stuff for the first 15 or 20 minutes of the second half," admitted Lane. "We didn't play very well going forward because we weren't allowed to. But we defended well which is something we didn't do last year.

"I was pleased with the way we passed it around in the first half.

"Hayling are a hard side to break down but we stayed patient and we didn't panic.

"The most important thing for us

after winning 5-2 at Totton & Eling was that we won the next game, otherwise all our hard work would have been undone.

"Before playing Lymington, I targeted seven out of nine points, but we've got nine out nine instead!"

Fawley now have home games against Alton Town (Wednesday) and league leaders Christchurch (next Saturday) sandwiched between trips to title contenders Moneyfields (today) and Bemerton (November 24) and Lane sees no reason why the Oilers should have an inferiority

VERWOOD Town won a bad-tempered Sydenhams Premier clash against fellow promoted side AFC Portchester last Saturday.

With the Potters 2-1 up, Mike Haskell, the scorer of their second goal, was victim of an alleged headbutt two minutes before half-time.

Portchester's Glenn Knight was dismissed following the incident and Haskell, who left the field with blood pouring from his nose, had to be substituted at half-time.

Portchester levelled just after the hour before substitute Jack Satterley grabbed what proved to be the 3-2 winner.

There was further drama, however, as Verwood's Matt Delaney was sent off for a professional foul, but Chris Lynch saved the penalty.

Portchester had to play the last eight minutes with nine men because they picked up an injury with all three substitutions made.

Verwood boss Adie Arnold said Haskell had been in dispute with another opponent before Knight intervened.

He claimed: "One of their players got involved and it was nothing to do with him.

"Mike wanted to play on but there was blood everywhere.

"The main thing is we kept our discipline in quite an intimidating atmosphere and got three points."

complex against the bigger sides.

"We've put a bit of a run together and the confidence that wasn't there is there now," he said. "We're looking to pick up points in all our home games and it would be great if we could grab something at Moneyfields and Bemerton.

"After narrowly losing to Bemerton 2-1 in the FA Vase, we've no need to be afraid of them.

"If we turn up on the day, we shouldn't fear people.

"We're on 18 points now and we're looking to be on 28 by the end of November."

LOCAL AND NATIONAL FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 12

FA CUP
First round replay: AFC Wimbledon v York.
BARCLAYS U21 PREMIER LEAGUE
National Group 2: Tottenham U21 v Southampton U21 (7pm ko).
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
South: Boreham Wood v Basingstoke Town.
SYDENHAMS LEAGUE
Premier Division: Bemerton HH v Hayling Utd.

Tuesday, November 13

UNDER-21 FRIENDLY
England U21 v N Ireland U21 (Bloomfield Road).
FA CUP
First round: Braintree Town v Tranmere.
First round replays: Barrow v Guiseley, Bradford v Northampton, Milton Keynes Dons v Cambridge C, Nuneaton v Luton, Rochdale v Morecambe, Slough v Mansfield, Walsall v Lincoln City.
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
South: Havant & Waterlooville v Dorchester.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Hitchin, Arlesey v Bashley, Barwell v Chippenham, Cambridge City v Chesham, Gosport Borough v Banbury, Leamington v Kettering, St Albans v Bedford.
SYDENHAMS LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Hordean, Alresford v Romsey, Bournemouth Poppies v New Milton, Christchurch v Moneyfields, Downton v Totton & Eling, Fareham v Newport IoW, Hamworthy Utd v GE Hamble.
Division One: Fleet Spurs v Pewsey Vale, Hythe & Dibden v Amesbury, Laverstock &

Ford v US Portsmouth.

ALDERSHOT SENIOR CUP
Luxembourg v Scotland, Rep of Ireland v Greece, Sweden v England.
NORTH HANTS INTERMEDIATE CUP
Second round: Tadley Calvea v Ludgershall Sports.

Wednesday, November 14

WORLD CUP
European qualifying group F: Northern Ireland v Azerbaijan.
Group H: Montenegro v San Marino.
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES
Luxembourg v Scotland, Rep of Ireland v Greece, Sweden v England.
FA CUP
First round: Gloucester v Leyton Orient.
SYDENHAMS LEAGUE
Premier Division: Fawley AFC v Alton, Verwood v Lymington Town.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Sholing, Fleet Town v Christchurch, Moneyfields v Poole Town.

Thursday, November 15

FA CUP
First round replay: Altrincham v Burton Albion.
FA Youth Cup
Second round: AFC Totton Yth v Canvey Island Yth.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Bashley v AFC Portchester, Salisbury City v Winchester City.

Saturday, November 17

(FL games 3pm ko unless stated)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal v Tottenham (12.45), Liverpool v Wigan, Man City v Aston Villa, Newcastle v Swansea, Norwich v Man Utd (5.30), QPR v Saints, Reading v Everton, West Brom v Chelsea.

npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Championship: Birmingham v Hull, Bolton v Barnsley, Bristol City v Blackpool, Burnley v Leyton Orient, Colchester v Bury, Crawley Town v Walsall, Hartlepool v Coventry, Portsmouth v Doncaster, Preston v Brentford, Scunthorpe v Notts County, Sheff Utd v Stevenage, Shrewsbury v Crewe, Swindon v Yeovil.

League 2: AFC Wimbledon v Aldershot, Bradford v Exeter, Burton Albion v Dag & Red, Chesterfield v Oxford Utd, Fleetwood Town v Plymouth, Gillingham v Morecambe, Northampton v Wycombe, Port Vale v York, Rochdale v Bristol Rovers, Rotherham v Cheltenham, Torquay v Southend.

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
Premier: AFC Telford v Kidderminster, Barrow v Forest Green, Cambridge Utd v Tamworth, Dartford v Southport, Grimsby v Braintree Town, Lincoln City v Hereford, Macclesfield v Ebbsfleet United, Mansfield v Luton, Newport County v Hyde, Nuneaton v Stockport County, Woking v Alfreton Town, Wrexham v Gateshead.

South: AFC Hornchurch v Eastleigh, Basingstoke v Chelmsford, Bromley v Billericay, Dover v Boreham Wood, Eastbourne Borough v Truro, Farnborough v

Staines, Maidenhead v Dorchester, Sutton v Bath, Tonbridge Angels v Hayes, Welling v Salisbury, Weston-super-Mare v Havant & Waterlooville.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Barwell, Arlesey v Kettering, Bedford v Bashley, Bedworth v Gosport Borough, Bideford v St Albans, Frome v Chesham, Hemel Hempstead v Stourbridge, Hitchin v Banbury, Leamington v St Neots, Redditch v Chippenham, Weymouth v Cambridge City.

FA VASE
Second round: AFC St Austell v Bemerton HH, Blackfield & Langley v Bournemouth Poppies, Buckland Athletic v Downton, Hordean v Willand Rovers, Moneyfields v GE Hamble, New Milton v Bittton, Newport IoW v Cadbury Heath.

SYDENHAMS LEAGUE
Premier Division: Alton v Fareham, Fawley AFC v Christchurch, Romsey v Hamworthy Utd, Totton & Eling v Verwood.
Division One: Andover New Street v Brockenhurst, Stockbridge v Ringwood, Tadley Calvea v Petersfield, Team Solent v East Cowes Vics, Whitchurch v Cowes Sports.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Senior Division (2.00 kick-offs): Clanfield v Paulsgrove, Hamble Club v Fleetlands, Liphook v Otterbourne, Locks Heath v QK Southampton, Overton v Sporting BW, University of Portsmouth v Winchester Castle.
Combination (2.00 kick-offs): Bournemouth Sports v Locks Heath, Colden Common v Overton Utd, Fleetlands v AFC Stoneham, Otterbourne v AFC Aldermaston,

Paulsgrove v Hamble Club, Sporting BW v Clanfield.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP
Third round: AFC Aldermaston v Colden Common, Hedge End Town v Hedge End Rangers, Hedge End Rangers Res v Southampton University.

WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP
Second round: Corsham v Amesbury, Laverstock & Ford v Cricklade Town, Pewsey Vale v Shrewton.
ALDERSHOT INTERMEDIATE CUP
Second round: Hale Rovers v Liss Athletic, Yateley Green Res v Alton Town Res.

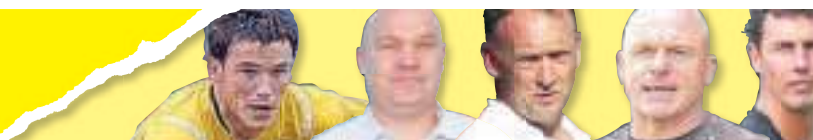
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Quarter-final: Christchurch Res v Sway.
BERKS & BUCKS INTERMEDIATE CUP
Second round: AFC Aldermaston v Woodley Town.

NORTH HANTS INTERMEDIATE CUP
Second round: Old Basing Rovers v Winchester Castle Res.

ALDERSHOT JUNIOR CUP
Second round: Fleet Spurs A v Liphook Utd Res, Tongham Spartans v Liss Athletic Res.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Bemerton HH v AFC Portchester, Gosport Borough v Dorchester Town, Wimborne Town v Sholing.

Division One East: Petersfield Town v Tadley Calvea.
Wyvern Challenge Shield, Group A: East Cowes Vics v Lymington Town, GE Hamble v Fareham Town.
Group B: Downton v Whitchurch Utd.
Group C: Hating Utd v New Milton, Ringwood v Team Solent.
Group D: Alresford v Fawley, US Portsmouth v Verwood.
Group E: Hythe & Dibden v Hordean.

Non-league Football



Romsey rebuild is long-term job, says boss

ALTHOUGH Danny Barker's immediate priority is to pull Romsey Town clear of the relegation zone, he sees his Bypass Ground rebuilding job as a long rather than short-term project.

His inspiration going forward will be Sydenhams Premier Division rivals Alresford Town who, after

several seasons at the wrong end of the table, are now mixing it with the big guns at the top.

"The bigger picture for us is four or five seasons down the line," said Barker, who took over the reins from Wayne Mew during the summer.

"This squad of players are the future of Romsey

Town and a strong example of what we want to achieve are Alresford Town.

"They fended off relegation but kept their main crop of players together year after year and added one or two along the way

"Our structure at Romsey is good off the field and I believe we have a good

future on it too.

"Hopefully we'll get through this season and, when we're doing well like Alresford in two or three years' time, we'll look back and say: 'Do you remember where it all started when we couldn't get a win for love nor money!'"

Role models Alresford have had a decent week,

notching back-to-back wins over Horndean and New Milton – and scoring nine goals in the process.

Having bagged a hat-trick in Saturday's 5-3 home success over Horndean, Warren Bentley helped himself to two more on Tuesday as the Magpies sank New Milton 4-2 at Fawcett's Field.

BARKER SENDS FOR REINFORCEMENTS



NEW RECRUIT: Royce Reed.

DANNY Barker has added five new names to his Romsey Town squad – and he hasn't stopped signing yet.

Already this season the Sydenhams Premier Division strugglers have used 40 players in their fight for top-flight survival and there could be more to come this week.

Having taken on the monumental task of rebuilding from scratch during the summer, Barker, pictured below, knew it would take time to blend a new squad together.

Now, after a punishing start to the season, he has felt the need to take some of his younger, inexperienced recruits out of the firing line.

"The games have been coming thick and fast and we felt it was catching up on the young lads a bit, so we wanted to freshen things up," he explained.

"We've been playing against good sides every Tuesday and Saturday and it was taking its toll on some of the players who hadn't played at this level before.

"Having extra bodies and extra experience around the squad will help us. Competition for places is getting better and, on and off the field, everyone is pulling together."

Up front Barker has drafted in Royce Reed, a former Winchester City forward signed from Laverstock & Ford, and he hopes the midfield engine room will benefit from the presence of Lee Scott from Blackfield & Langley.

Defence-wise he has toughened Town up with left-back John Williams from Laverstock, utility man Danny Moss from Hythe & Didben and centre-half Gary Bagley, who was unattached but has previous Wessex experience.

Much to Barker's exasperation, two of his new signings were sent off in last Saturday's 5-2 defeat at Fareham Town.

Reed picked up a second yellow card in a feisty finish to the game, while Bagley was

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shown straight red for an alleged head butt.

Fareham, on the other hand, escaped what Barker viewed as a certain red card when defender Matt Burt conceded a penalty for handball on the line.

"The league doesn't lie and, at the moment, we're not good enough, but one of the worst refereeing displays I've ever witnessed didn't help," he said.

"Fareham's centre-half made a save on the goalline, but no red card was given.

"We got back into the game at 3-2 and were the better side, but then the ref's decided to send two of our players off."

"Royce's second yellow was a free kick to Fareham, but not a booking, and then Gary Bagley's gone for an alleged head butt which no one, not even the Fareham players, saw."

"The players showed real character and worked hard to get back into the game, but what chance did we stand with nine? And the bigger picture is we'll now lose Gary for three games and Royce for one."

Barker, though, can see a steady improvement in his side and is by no means ready to surrender to relegation.

"Things are looking fresher now. We're making the odd mistake here and there and, if we can we can cut those out, I'm confident we'll start picking up points," he said.

"Lymington are still in touching distance and so are New Milton. It's not a disaster by a long way."

"Team spirit's as good as I've known it and the last couple of performances against Newport IOW and Fareham have been really encouraging."

"It's been a tough month or so, but we're slowly improving."

"We've got five big games coming up and we've got to look to get some points on the board. A couple of draws to start with would be something."

We've got carried away, says Killick

TOM Killick sees no need for wholesale changes at Poole Town.

The Dolphins' recent blip in form has seen them dumped them out of the FA Trophy and knocked them off the top of the Southern League Division One South & West.

But manager Killick, pictured below, says it's nothing the current crop of players cannot put right.

Calling for big improvements in performances, he said: "I think it is a case where we have just got a bit carried away with ourselves and think we are a bit better than we are."

"What we are is a physical, hard-working team and, when you lose those basic ingredients, we are really ordinary. I think that's what has happened."

"We have got to try to get that back and, hopefully, the players will respond. There won't be a need for wholesale changes."



Pike men on Red alert

GOSPORT Borough will travel to Sholing in the second round of the Red Insure Cup later this month.

Alex Pike's, pictured, troops booked a November 21 date at the Silverlake Arena by coming through a roller-coaster first round test at Winchester City on Tuesday.

Twice Gosport took the lead through Justin Bennett and Sammy Igoo and twice they were pegged back by Ben Penfold and an Aaron Cook own goal.

Winchester player-boss James Taylor – a former Gosport player – then put his team ahead for the first time, only for his old Privett Park buddy Cook to rescue Borough a 3-3 draw.

There was no further scoring in stoppage time and it was Borough who eventually triumphed 4-1 on penalties.

RED INSURE CUP SECOND ROUND
Monday, November 19: Hungerford Town v North Leigh, Mangotsfield Town v Shortwood Utd.

Tuesday, November 20: Aylesbury v Slough Town, Bedford Town v Hitchin Town, Chertsey Town v Hemel Hempstead Town, Davenport Town v Barwell, Didcot Town v Beaconsfield SYCOB, Kettering Town v Arlesey Town v Biggleswade Town, North Greenford Utd v AFC Hayes, Northwood v Ashford Town (Middx), Stourbridge v Leamington, Tiverton Town v Paulton Rovers, Wimborne Town v Poole Town, Yate Town v Cinderford Town.

Wednesday, November 21: Frome Town v Bridgwater Town, Sholing v Gosport Borough.



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Meet the Manager

AFC GRAINS

DAVE BUTLER

Age: 34
Occupation: Ford worker
Position in club: player (we don't have a manager at the moment)
Who do you support: Southampton
Favourite player: Alan Shearer
Best footballing moment: Winning the Sunday League golden boot.
Best goal I have seen: Chris Marsden's mazy dribble against Ipswich in 2002.
Ambitions for the club: Winning a trophy after being the nearly boys for the past five years with numerous runners-up accolades.



AFC Grains – who are ya?

Local pub: None. The lads do as they told by the girlfriends and go straight home
Team tightwad with subs: Alex Adams – the highest earner in the team but also has a high maintenance wife.
Ladies man: Danny Birch, usually found in town on a Saturday night attempting to charm the ladies.
Best haircut: Ben Keens doesn't leave his house until his hair is perfect
Worst haircut: Jamie Blyth looks like the mythical ginger gorilla
Club jester: Jack Garrett is full of one liners
Dodgiest driver: Alex Adams needs to remember he is not always on a go kart circuit
Worst car: Liam Osman, whose Ford Fiesta has had about 4.8 million oil leaks in the past three weeks.

AFC GULF WESTERN

PAUL MADDEN

Age: 34
Where are you from: Southampton
Occupation: Tarmacer
Position in the club: Manager/player/linesman
Who do you support: Celtic
Favourite player: Eric Cantona
Your best footballing moment (playing or watching): The two trebles I won with South City and King Alfred in Southampton Sunday football.
Best goal you have ever seen: Justyn Penfold's superb volley in the Roy Whiteman Cup final last season, when we won 4-1. Great technique.
Ambitions for the club: Senior league football in a few seasons and a cup or two along the way.



Gulf Western – who are ya?

Local pub: Stoneham Arms
Team tightwad with the subs: Jordan Penfold. He gets a new pair of trainers every Saturday but somehow has no money for subs
Ladies man: Kieran Wyse
Best haircut: Justyn Penfold's scary looking grade '0' from last season. Looked great.
Worst haircut: Emmett Madden's half a can of hairspray efforts. Shocking!
Club jester: Mike Saye is king of the one liner
Dodgiest driver: Simon Mabey, apparently has more points than Manchester United.
Worst car: Paul Johns. His car is rumored to be made out of sellotape, but because he does a few lifts not too many complain.

AFC Gulf Western are the Southampton Saturday League version of Man City or Chelsea.

They have what they call 'Our own Abramovich', being backed by Gulf Western boat company owner Mike Moss.

Before the game I expected to see a gold-plated minibus and all the players walking out in Armani suits.

But they keep the spending modest.

Club secretary and right-back Simon Mabey explained: "Mike has been brilliant."

"He has helped out with training kits, equipment and sometimes our own mini-bus for away games."

"He's our very own Roman Abramovich."

Win, lose or draw, Moss will buy each player a couple of pints and puts a nice tab behind the bar for the team at the Stoneham Arms pub.

Just like any tycoon, he's proud of the side he is investing in.

And, according to Mabey, he even wears a Gulf Western blazer to work.

Fired up

Unfortunately Mike wasn't at this game, as he was away on business.

In the changing room Gulf Western were fired up.

In their last game they lost against Riverside Reds in the Southampton Cup, after three players were red-carded.

The message was loud and clear from manager Paul Madden. "Keep your heads lads – nothing silly like last week," he shouted.

Their Hampshire Junior A Cup opponents – AFC Grains, from two divisions higher in Junior 1 – already knew they would be in for quite a game.

It didn't help that Grains lack a manager.

The previous boss Paul Butler recently became a dad to twins – so managing Grains is some-



GOAL: Tom King, third right, heads in for Western. Order no: 15393557

thing he no longer has the time for.

He still turns up to a few games but, as Luke Osman said: "Sometimes the team just runs

itself. As long as 11 players turn up on the day, we're fine."

From the first whistle Gulf Western looked like a team possessed.

Every player was sprinting to close down the yellow shirts of Grains, and they made their mark with some tough tackles – leaving the Grains players star-



TOUCHLINE TOTTY: Hazel Blyth, Debbie Osman, Shellie Pollard and Roxanne Moss watching Gulf Western v Grains.

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AFC GULF WESTERN: Back (from left) Paul Madden, Jody Agrella, Justyn Penfold, Jordan Penfold, Keith Bailey, Sam Webb, Keiran Wise, Whiteway. Front, Simon Mabey, Jordan Penfold, Keith Bailey, Sam Webb, Keiran Wise,

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Loss – even minus d-plated minibuses



RISING STAR: Western's Sam Webb, left. Order no: 15393516. Pictures: Chris Moorhouse.

ing at referee Brian Eley, who wasn't buying any of it.

Within the first five minutes Western struck a post when Jordon Penfold was put clean

through, but two minutes later they took the lead when Justyn Penfold latched onto a loose ball and hit a rocket from the edge of the box.

Justyn's brother Jordan then got in on the act to make it 2-0 when he poked the ball in from a corner.

Grains were penned inside

their own half but broke out and should have scored when Oli Adams missed a clear-cut one on one, which resulted in a superb stop and a goal line clearance.

Apart from that, Gulf Western's physical presence and bite in the challenges started to take its toll on the Grains players who were getting themselves wound-up – resulting in several small altercations.

Grains fell further behind when a Western corner found the head of Tom King, who headed home powerfully.

Then a Matt Le Tissier moment by Paul Johns made it 4-0, when he danced around two defenders 30 yards from goal and unleashed a wonderful shot into the top left-hand corner.

The second half was a more even affair, even if Joel Portlock made it 5-0 with a cheeky chip in the first five minutes.

Wild challenge

Grains started to find their passing range and put Western under pressure by firing balls down the channels and getting behind the defence.

Their pressure paid off in the 80th minute when they won a penalty after a wild Johns challenge.

Alex Adams calmly slotted the spot kick down the middle.

The day after the game, a Gulf Western player told me: "Did you like watching a proper football team?"

He had a point.

Everything about the team made me think of a bygone era. It was easy to see why Mike Moss has invested so much into the side.

Their style of play is 'in your face' direct football.

It's football how it used to be played in the 1990s – fast-paced, exciting, and aggressive.

One thing is for sure, they're certainly more fun to watch than play against.

Team Ratings

AFC GRAINS

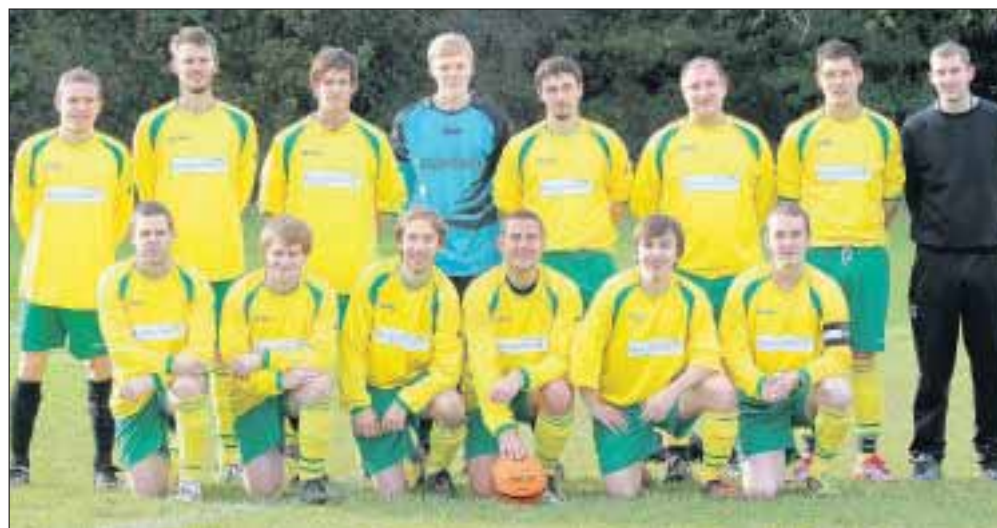
- Lee Hanson:** Apparently about as safe as Nigel Adkins' job7
Dan Birch: Talks a good game, shame he can't play one6
Dave Butler: Class act wherever he plays. Some say he is past it. Time waits for no man, but he's the exception7
Tom Furlonger: Team mates say he's like watching Bambi on ice, he can't stay on his feet6
Ade Mills: The Usain Bolt of the team, fast as lightning6
Jack Garrett: Industrious winger who likes to get stuck in, sometimes a little too much. Lovely nutmegs and wind up tactics7
Simon Gray: As hairy as George Best just not as good – unfortunately6
Alex Adams: Mr play everywhere, he is a forward turned winger turned full back turned central midfielder7
Ben Keens: Engine of the team, runs around like a dog chasing a ball, or a headless chicken7
Oli Adams: Loves a game of FIFA, but passes more on the XBOX than he does on the pitch6
Jamie Blyth: Poacher who always finds the back of the net6
Luke Osman: Apparently, if his ability matched his ego, he would be a special player. Was injured within two minutes after attempting a goal line clearance for Joel Portlock's goal6
Steve Hodder: Solid defender who likes to get stuck in. Had a shaky first half, but got better7
David Coak: Runs all day, been known to even run in his sleep. Rumoured to do five marathons every week. Like a Duracell bunny, just doesn't know how to stay still7
Liam Osman: Always injured apparently6
Matt McDermid: Has a quality pass on him, which has yet to be seen this season6

AFC GULF WESTERN

- Keith Bailey:** Gives out pre-match Haribo pieces. Commanding keeper who spent most of the time staring into the sky7
Kieran Wyse: Getting used to playing right back, spends most of his time sorting out his hair. Played well and likes to wonder forward7
Paul Johns: Nickname is 'Paulbags', he is always cool and calm. Scored a great goal in the first half9
Alan Whiteway: Great organiser, thinker, drinker, relaxed, calm. Likes to play the ball out from the back with cool passing. Like a footballing version of Snoop Dogg, and plays the game at a different pace. You'll never see a long ball clearance from him9
Tom King: Totally committed throughout, a bit on the angry side in this game. Roughed up AFC Grains with some wild challenges7
Jody Agrella: Tricky winger who annoys team mates with showboating. Very quick with a good cross7
Justyn Penfold: Known as 'Jutty', real engine of the team. Gets stuck in and loves a long shot from 35 yards. Scored his first one, missed his next seven. Dominated midfield9
Sam Webb: Plays for England – he's their beach volleyball keeper. Scored a screamer against Andorra, which is an Internet hit8
Joel Portlock: Has got some magic in his boots, always ready to trick opponents with his quick feet and skills. Helped Gulf dominate the first half8
Mike Saye: More flicks than a L'Oréal advert. A new signing for Gulf with an impressive array of passing8
Jordan Penfold: Nightmare to defend against, always plays off the shoulder of the last defender, has an excellent shot and good close control. Had a good game8
Emmett Madden: Never stops running. Great finisher but, apparently, has a bad first touch7
Simon Mabey: 'Beano' is the club secretary who keeps everything ticking over. Likes to come off the bench for 20 minutes each match. Doesn't mind watching rather than playing. Has a powerful clearance and occasionally scores7
Paul Madden: Was on the bench for this game, doesn't usually do it, the gaffer hung his boots up to take on the manager's role this season7



el Portlock, Paul Johns, Tom King, Michael Saye, Alan Emmett Madden. Order no: 15393465



AFC GRAINS: Back (from left): Dave Coak, Steve Hodder, Tom Furlonger, Lee Hanson, Ben Keens, Dave Butler, Oli Adams, Liam Osman. Front: Ade Mills, Jamie Blyth, Simon Gray, Alex Adams, Jack Garrett, Dan Birch. Order no: 15393480

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Perfect at the top

HUNDRED per cent Alderholt Reserves remain two points clear at the top of Division 6 of the Hayward Bournemouth Saturday League.

Goals from Alex O'Neill (2), Paul Lockyer, Tom Edwards and Tom Davies gave them a 5-4 win against promotion rivals Boldre Royals.

Darren Drodge, Dan Cooper, Jake Rose and Liam Blackall replied.

Nearest rivals Ringwood Athletic caned Parkstone Athletic 6-1 thanks to Billy Langley (2), Elliott Peck (2), Dan Taylor and Elliott Tindall.

Dean Drodge and Liam Ramsey gave Everton & Lymington Argyle a 2-0 success against Fordingbridge Turks Reserves.

George Harvey struck twice in AFC Burton Reserves' 4-1 victory over Redhill Reserves with Ben Collie and Antony Wood also scoring.

Paul Dignam struck for tailenders Milford Reserves but they lost 8-1 to Bransgore United Reserves, who scored through Matt Jones (2), Ryan Tollworthy (2), Tyler Corbin (2), Ali Smith and James Blackham.

Liam McGlynn bagged a brace when Westover Bournemouth swept Old Oakmeadians aside 3-1 to take over on top of the Premier Division, Josh Wall also netting.

Reigning champions Bournemouth Manor were also 3-1 winners when Darren Spiers, Scott Pilcher and Sam Goodwin accounted for Parley Sports, Adam Janes replying.

Tom Moseley netted for Redlynch & Woodfalls but they remain bottom without a point after Bournemouth Electric gave them a 6-1 drubbing thanks to Joe Kittle (3), Chris Keehan (2) and Paul Conway.

Ferndown hit back

DIVISION 1 leaders Ferndown Sports found themselves trailing to a goal from Dan Brunsden against Bournemouth Electric Reserves.

But the Sparkies were denied their first points when Ferndown came back through Lascelles Richardson and Mantas Baltrusis to win 2-1.

Harrington United led through Ben Mowlam but Alderholt move up to second place after Jason Thorne (2), Nathan Welch, Luke Gough and Tom Cranmer ensured a 5-1 triumph.

Holt beat Queens Park Athletic 4-1 thanks to Alistair Garard, Ben Sullivan, Tom Gagan and an own goal. Matt Farley scored a penalty consolation.

Jury gets verdict

SWAY Reserves' hopes of going back on top of Division 2 were dashed when Fordingbridge Turks won 1-0 thanks to a Ben Jury strike.

Sam Nash notched a hat-trick in Galleon's 6-0 spanking of St Mary's with David Ball (2) and Craig White also on target.

New Milton Linnetts walloped Bournemouth Manor Reserves 7-1 with goals from Will Ireland (2), Joel Fields (2), Alex Hurst, Paul Morris and Billy Hancock. Lee Owen replied.

AFC Pennington opened up a three point lead at the top of Division 3 when Danny Swager (2) and Danny Veal gave them a 3-2 win against Seyward Windows. Kelly Barth and Adam Eager replied.

Pete Valinski scored all three goals in Redhill Rangers' 3-0 victory over Redlynch & Woodfalls United Reserves.

Drew Smith Southampton League round-up

COLDEN Common progressed in the Hampshire FA Veterans Cup.

They didn't have it all their own way as Wildern took a shock lead, but normality returned as Common finished 7-1 winners with Ian Nash (3) and Lee Smith (2) leading the spree.

Sporting BTC joined them with a fine 5-0 win at Langley Tavern.

There was a second Cup exit at the feet of lower league opposition for Q K Southamptons as they were shocked by old rivals AFC Stoneham, Paul Brand scoring both in a 2-0 win.

Redlynch & Woodfalls edged out GE Aviation B 2-1 while an own goal settled the BTC v Nursling tie in favour of the visi-

Colden comeback more than enough

tors. Hythe Aztecs inflicted a 4-1 defeat on Compton with Martin Jenkins scoring twice.

Bishop's Waltham Dynamo were 3-1 winners against fellow Over 40's division Hamble Club.

In Vets League action, Northend surprised high-flying RS Winchester 2-0 though Luke Cotter and Mick Dear in the B division.

Hedge End Rangers squeezed a

2-1 win at Sporting BTC B courtesy of Mark Blake and Matt West.

In the C division, a John Prout goal saw Woolston defeat Langley Manor.

Dave Gibbs hit a hat-trick as Sholing won for the first time, by a 5-2 score at Michelmersh & Timsbury.

Royal Mail were impressive 8-3 winners at Redbridge OB with

two goals each from Rob Haynes and Ray Barnes.

Locks Heath were 5-1 winners over Old Tauntonians with Jason Thomas and Craig Finch sharing four goals.

Langley Tavern were 7-1 winners against Langley Manor in the over-40's league with Phil Swainston hitting a hat-trick and Gary Dyer a double.

EASTLEIGH RA VETERANS LEAGUE CUP DRAW: Compton 4 Royal Mail 2, Hythe Aztecs v BTC Soton, Langley Tavern 6 GE Aviation 2, Old Tauntonians v BTC Soton 0-40 or Nursling, Redlynch & W 2 Colden Common 4, R S Winchester or Baddesley Pk v Sporting BTC A, Winchester OB v Langley Manor, Woolston v Locks Heath.



EYES ON THE BALL: Ben Keens, left, of AFC Grains battles with Justyn Penfold (Gulf Western) at Wide Lane on Saturday. Order no: 15393540

Questmap show way

QUESTMAP inflicted a 9-1 mauling on Bishopstoke WMC in the Drew Smith Southampton League.

Paul Boucher and Ricky Pomeroy shared eight of the goals.

New signing Dave Greenwood added the finishing touches to AFC Hiltingbury's 3-1 victory over Cadnam. Tom Richards and Tom Langford scored their earlier goals.

BTC Southampton Reserves massacred White Horse 9-1 with six-shooter Ross Hickman leading the way.

James Barefoot hit four goals as Nursling Reserves stung Comrades Reserves 6-1.

Hedge End Town inflicted a first defeat of the season on Southampton Energy with a 5-2 victory, including a double strike from John Horner.

The first quarter final of the Trophyman League Cup resulted in a 13-0 mauling in favour of Bush Hill against Senior 1 strugglers Michelmersh & Timsbury Reserves.



Perry Harding top scored with a hat-trick while there were doubles from Liam Keates, Paul Wiltshire, Dean Laxton and Nick Kesby.

Trophyman Senior League Cup Quarter Final draw: Burridge or Comrades v Cadnam United, Bush Hill 13 Mich & Tim Res 0, Park Sports v Bishopstoke WMC, Questmap v White Horse.

● Braishfield eased their relegation fears and increased those of Forest Town Reserves after a 3-0 win in

DELIGHT: Gulf Western celebrate their third goal against AFC Grains.

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Airways a 2-0 win over Otterbourne A.

New Forest were 4-1 winners at Harefield Reserves, including a double from Gary Stoner.

It was all very close in Junior 5 with Athletico Romsey held 1-1 by Hamble United Res.

AFC Phoenix beat New Forest Reserves 2-1 courtesy of Zac Day and Matt Mabey.

FC Wellington Reserves won by the same score at Sporting Wessex thanks to Dave Swan and James Garland.

In the basement division, John Thornton struck twice in Burridge Village's 4-2 defeat of Braishfield Reserves.

South Coast had an impressive 5-0 win at Michelmersh & Timsbury A with Rhys Coleman netting twice.

BTC Southampton A were 5-1 winners at Stoneham A with goals from Alex Northberg, Daryl Hinder, James Richardson, Phil Brian and Chris Halbert.

Junior 1 of the Drew Smith Southampton League.

Compton Reserves edged Questmap Reserves 3-2 after trailing early on.

Questmap scored first and last though Amish Marjoria and Dave Harris, but they sandwiched three Compton efforts from James Castle, Elliott Greenslade and Matt Burrell.

Goals from Christie Cerney and Rich Mortimer earned London

Drew Smith Southampton League round-up

Harefield at the double in Hants cup

HAREFIELD demolished Langley Manor 8-0 in the Hampshire FA Junior A Cup with two goals each for Louis Le Mesurier, Ryan Glasspool and Elliott Jordan.

Solent Saints joined them in the next round but had to recover from an early penalty against West Totton before emerging 3-1 victors, Tamlyn Goodrich nabbing a brace.

Riverside avenged a quarter-final defeat against Bournemouth Electric A last season by defeating the same opponents 2-1 with Dan Phillips and Dan Burgess doing the business.

Adam Puckett hit both goals as Warsash Wasps knocked out AFC Ventura 2-0.

There was a rare 3-1 success for Capital as they defeated ABC United to reach round three.

Junior 3 AFC Gulf Western went head to head with Junior 1 AFC Grains and thumped them 5-1 with Justin Penfold at the double (see Park Scratchings in centre pages).

Chamberlayne went out to Carberry on penalties after a 2-2 draw. Lyndhurst Reserves lost 2-1 to Hartley Wintney while Wellow lost 2-0 at Horndean Hawks.

In the Hampshire FA Junior B Cup, Bishop's Waltham Dynamo won 5-1 at Segensworth with Joe Dudley a hat-trick hero.

Botley Village Reserves progressed with a 5-3 extra time victory over AFC Station, Chris Caldwell (3) and Chris Hooper (2) on target.

Applewood Joinery fell 3-1 at Ropley and Upham crashed 4-1 at home to Burley. SG Sports were beaten 3-1 at Basingstoke Ath.

Southampton University defeated another north Hampshire team to progress to round three of the Hampshire Intermediate Cup.

Goals from Alex Finlay, Jamie Baker, Stuart Alexander and Olly Galea secured a 4-3 win at Yateley Green Reserves.

WS Wombles were caned 6-0 by Yateley's first team.

Netley CS needed two goals in the last five minutes to dispose of Burridge AFC.

Mark Williams opened the scoring with a penalty and Rick Rawlings finished the job.

Comrades bowed out 4-2 at Mudeford while a late winner denied Durley Reserves as they lost 3-2 to Fleet Spurs Res.

ROY WIGHTMAN JUNIOR LEAGUE CUP:

Applewood Joinery v Upham Res or Botley Village Res, AFC Grains v New Forest or Riverside, Bishops Waltham Dyn v Sporting Wessex, Botley Village v Priory Rovers or AFC Gulf Western, Chamberlayne v Braishfield, Compton Res 1 Forest Town Res 4, Cricketers Eastleigh or Lyndhurst Res v Harefield, London Airways or Compton v Chandlers Ford.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER: Oli King (Grains, left) and Thom King (Gulf Western battle for possession.

Order no: 15393549. Pictures: Chris Moorhouse.

Favourites march on

HAYWARD League Division One title favourites Richmond Park Con made further progress in the Hampshire Intermediate Cup when Sam Cummings, Mike Thompson, Steve Haine and John Taylor ensured a 4-0 victory over AFC Stoneham Reserves.

Robbie Woolner (2), River Smith and Tom Hughes gave Premier Division giants Portcastran a 4-2 win against Locksheath.

Mudeford Men's Club were also 4-2 winners when James Wright, David Bratt and two penalties from Dave Saunders accounted for Comrades.

Ryan Sheppard (pen) and Adam Clark struck for Sway in a 6-2 loss to Headley United.

Bramley caning

RYAN Brading struck a hat-trick when AFC Burton caned Bramley United 6-0 in the second round of the Hampshire Junior A Cup. Ben Close and two own goals completed their tally.

Mudeford Men's Club Reserves beat Chineham Albion 5-1 through Paul Langrish, Liam Welton and a Will Shaylor hat-trick.

Stuart Marshall led the way with six in Richmond Park Con Reserves' 11-1 trouncing of Mitre in the second round of the Hampshire Junior B Cup.

Dan Sumpter, Gary Cutler, Ben Sainsbury, Craig Varley and Tony West (pen) also netted.

Alex Austin and Steve Price both bagged hat-tricks in Magpies' 9-0 thrashing of Sherborne St Johns Reserves. Dan Pringle (2) and Steve Whitfield completed the rout.

Mighty Flynn

TOM Flynn rattled in a double hat-trick for Second Division Mploy in their entertaining 7-6 MA Hart Pickford Cup third round victory over Allendale.

Nick Tempary was also on target with Dave Rimmer (3), Dave Wrixton, George Knijff and Nick Johnson replying.

Hamworthy Recreation avoided a potential banana skin when they beat Division Five front runners A&T Athletic 3-2 thanks to goals from Gary Vincent (2) and Nick Plank.

Ben Virabi's hat-trick proved decisive in Portcastran Reserves' 5-3 success against Milford in the second round of the M.A.Hart Hayward Cup with Tom Peacock and Phil Warman also scoring.

Eagles sore

NEW Milton Eagles netted through Chris Payne and Shaun Waterman but the Hayward Bournemouth League Division 4 high fliers lost 3-2 to Bisterne Blue Sox thanks to an Ashley Gritt hat-trick.

Allendale Reserves were also 3-2 winners when David Webb, Ross Logan, and William Drew put paid to AFC Bransgor, Charlie Field replying twice.

Ross Dominey was the four goal star when Lower Parkstone CFC beat West Howe 6-1 to go second in Division 5.

David Ashley and Pete McLarty were the other Parkstone marksmen with Declan Graham replying.

Nick Bird's brace for Shoulder of Mutton United was in vain as Rouders won 5-2 courtesy of Richard Hearn (3), George Goldie and Joe Duffy.

RESULTS ROUND-UP IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO

Ernie is honoured

BOURNEMOUTH Poppies have dedicated a plaque to much-loved club stalwart Ernie Stimpson who died a year ago, aged 91.

There was barely a dry eye at Victoria Park on Saturday as Poppies' late president was honoured with an indelible reminder of his 73 years' service to the club.

His widow, Joan, aided by club secretary Mike Robins, unveiled the plaque, which takes pride of place above the door to the boardroom, now named 'The Ernie Stimpson Lounge.'

Ernie had been as dedicated as ever to the end with close friend Robins recalling: "I remember taking him to Truro (for a midweek FA Cup tie) because he didn't want to get back at 4am on the team coach. We still got back at 2am. It was horrible weather but, as always, he really wanted to be there. He always did so much. Even when everyone was in the bar winding down after games, you'd still find Ernie cleaning the boardroom floor."

Poppies also unveiled a plaque for long-time supporter and volunteer with the youth section, Dave Clarke, who died last year.

Poppies marked an emotional day with a good league win. Thanks to Martin Warren's second-half wonder strike, they beat high-riding GE Hamble 1-0 in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

Boss Ken Vaughan said: "The whole back four worked really hard. We were missing Wayne Crutcher, who was ill, but the lads were marvellous and got what they deserved in the end."

Robins added: "Ernie would have been delighted with how much the players gave. The game would have given him plenty to talk about!"

● Turn back to pages 18-23 for more senior non-league

Same again

SOUTHAMPTON Boys face Mid-Sussex in the English Schools' Under-15 Trophy second round at Southampton University's Wide Lane ground this weekend.

They have named the same squad that thrashed Ealing High 10-1 in the last round.

Southampton Boys: Callum Stanton, Matthew Worthington, Ryan Lomax (Testwood); George Taylor (Sholing); Mitchell Hunt (Oasis Lordshill); Matthew Hunt, Joel Chivers (Upper Shirley High); Sam Porter (Noadswood); Billy McParland, Adam May (Bitterne Park); Keenan New (Chamberlayne Park); Jack Attrill (Oasis Mayfield); Kim Wachai (Regents Park); Sam Jenman (Wildern); Reuben Munnoch, Christ Ngoulou, Charlie Coombs (St George); Mitchell Speechley-Price (Priestlands).

Colleges spotlight, with Mike Vimpany



KINGS' WINCHESTER. Back (left-right): Tom Proctor, Jonty Doyle, Chris Buckett, Ben Rowthorne, Alejandro Arguellas, Lucas Woods, Max Kirwan, Jack Jerram. Front: Raft Tellett, Inigo Peralta, James Heneghan, Dan Hoff, Toby Cresswell, Ronan Smith.

Four-goal Ben helps to power Kings' cup bid

BEN Rowthorne scored four times, once from the penalty spot, as Kings' Winchester powered into the next round of the ESFA Premier League Under-14 Cup with a 6-1 win over Brune Park, Gosport.

Toby Cresswell started the ball rolling for Kings' with two first-half goals in quick succession but it was the Ben Rowthorne show after that.

The powerful Saints academy prospect got through

on his own to make it 3-0 by half-time

And, after Calvin Robertson had pulled one back for Brune Park, Rowthorne added three more goals after the break.

Kings' Winchester wide-man Harvey Thompson scored twice in Hampshire Schools' Under-15s 3-2 win over Winchester College.

Thompson and Alfie Rutherford helped the county side into a 2-1 interval lead which the College wiped out early in the second half.

Thompson's late winner came direct from an inswinging corner.



GOAL-DEN BOYS: Four-goal Ben Rowthorne (right) and Toby Cresswell (left)

Fightback

POOLE & East Dorset face Portsmouth Boys in the English Schools' Under-15 Trophy third round on the 3G surface at Cowplain Community School, near Waterlooville, on Monday evening, 7.45pm. The Dorset youngsters hit back from 5-3 down to beat Exeter & East Devon 7-5 in the last round.

Winner

TOMMY Wright netted a second half winner to give Hampshire Schools' Under-16s a 1-0 victory over their Sussex counterparts at Privet Park, Gosport.

The timely goal by the Shirley High student earned Hampshire their second round trip to Essex.

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Colleges spotlight, with Mike Vimpany



CHEST CONTROL: Itchen's Lerone Plummer in action against Peter Symonds.

Picture order no: 15417555. Pictures by Stuart Martin

Wednesday's fixtures:
Peter Munro Cup 1st round: Farnborough v Basingstoke. Colleges League: Bournemouth v Southampton City, Brockenhurst v Barton Peveril, Havant v Totton, Portsmouth v Sparsholt, Taunton's v Alton.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Itchen	5	5	0	0	31	1	15
Totton	5	5	0	0	17	6	15
Peter Symonds	6	4	2	0	25	17	12
Barton Peveril	5	3	1	1	24	14	10
Basingstoke	4	3	0	1	13	8	10
Bournemouth	5	3	2	0	10	12	9
Queen Mary's	5	3	2	0	13	15	9
Poole	5	2	2	1	8	8	7
Farnborough	5	2	3	0	13	10	6
Brockenhurst	5	2	3	0	10	11	6
Havant	5	1	2	2	8	11	5
South Downs	3	1	2	0	5	7	3
Richard Taunton	3	1	2	0	7	10	3
Sparsholt	4	1	3	0	5	11	3
Soton City	4	0	3	1	7	19	1
Alton	5	0	5	0	7	20	0
Portsmouth	4	0	4	0	4	27	0

Perfect ten for Hants pair

FIVE-GOAL salvos have put Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League top dogs Itchen and Totton through to the quarter-finals of the Peter Munro Cup.

They both won 5-1, Itchen against Peter Symonds' and Totton over South Downs.

Two first half strikes by Ben Wilson – the second a real stunner – lit up Itchen's rather one-sided affair with Peter Symonds, who have often proved to be the cup holders' nemesis.

His first was a low left-foot strike into the bottom corner and the second – after Itchen had squandered a catalogue of chances – a beautiful curling shot into the far corner.

In between Wilson's goals, Itchen buzzed around the PSC box, without putting their shots away.

When Scott Hills pulled one back for Peter Symonds' it looked as though Itchen might rue those missed opportunities.

But their response was swift with the previously luckless Rudi Plummer making it 3-1.

The outcome was never in doubt after that, with Plummer making it 4-1 and Adam Tomasso adding the gloss with a fifth late on.



OUCH: Ben Wilson appears to get a foot in the face during Itchen's win against Peter Symonds. Picture order no: 15417549.

Wilson wasn't the only player to score a spectacular goal – Aaron Patton did likewise for Totton with an explosive 25-yarder into the top corner against South Downs.

Nathan Hurst got Totton's opener – a one-on-one with the keeper – before James Clifton scored twice and Patton rifled in the fourth.

Sam House made it 5-1 from a penalty, which the South Downs goalkeeper saved before the Totton man pounced on the rebound.

Goal-grabbing Barton Peveril were on song again, thrashing Southampton City 7-1 at Chestnut Avenue, where goals by Jack Odam, Jack White and Zak Moulard provided a 3-1 interval lead.

City lost their shape after the break with White, Liam Seager, Martin Willets and Odam scoring four more goals.

Beaten finalists for the past two seasons, Sparsholt trimmed Alton 2-0 with Onyeka Obi scoring both goals.

He opened Sparsholt's account on the half-hour and made the tie safe with a second ten minutes from the end, Simon Vaisey's defence splitting pass picking out Obi.

In between times, Alton spurned three good chances – and paid the

penalty! Queen Mary's lean cup record continued with a 3-2 defeat at Brockenhurst, who initially took the lead from the penalty spot.

But, almost immediately, the spot kick was cancelled out – Luke Allaston crossing for Elliott Forsey to equalise.

Allaston wasted two good chances to put QMC in front before Brock restored their lead – an advantage that didn't last long as Luke Yelland pounced on a weak goal kick to make it 2-2.

But Brockenhurst's third – a crisp strike from the edge of the box – settled it.

An open day at Farnborough led to the remaining tie against Basingstoke being delayed until next Wednesday.

Poole Grammar, meanwhile, opened their defence of the Dorset Cup with a 2-0 win over Queen Elizabeth, Wimborne, Harry Cornick scoring both goals.

Cornick, along with BP's Jack Odam and Taunton's central defender Ellis White, trialled in an ESFA South West v South East representative match in Surrey last weekend and await news of potential England selection.

Saints sink top team

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Girls U10s scored a spectacular win to end league leaders Widdbrook Utd's 100 per cent winning record.

In a very committed under-10 contest, Charlotte scored six goals in a 7-2 victory with Leah getting her first goal of the season.

It was especially pleasing for the coaches because Saints only had seven available players and, considering it was only their second game, their fitness levels were exceptional.

Player-of-the-match Charlotte was unstoppable.

Saints also had a competitive game against a spirited Worthies side but goals from Charlotte (2) and Lucy (2) saw them win 4-1.

All the girls played their part but special mention goes to Sophie, Eloise and Libby, who deputised for injured keeper Emily. Saints player-of-the-match was Kaitlin for her disciplined performance in defence.

Goals Five-or-side Football League Sunday League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nie Ma Lipy	13	11	1	1	123	45	34
The Killers	13	10	0	3	161	68	30
Ridonkulous	13	7	3	3	104	87	24
Club Le Bocas	13	9	1	3	93	77	22
Black Widows	13	6	1	6	83	78	19
FC Korabi	13	2	1	10	83	151	7
Black Moose	12	1	2	10	35	79	4
Is It Goals?	12	1	1	11	55	152	0
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Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N Town Saints	13	11	0	2	164	72	33
Ragged Boys	13	10	1	2	127	90	31
AFC Scripted	13	9	0	4	123	81	27
Stimpson Utd	13	5	0	8	84	109	15
Manlow's Love Children	13	4	3	6	78	111	15
Inter Me Nan	13	4	2	7	87	114	14
Highly Visible	13	3	3	7	89	123	12
Budhampton	13	1	1	11	77	129	4
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Monday League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Streetscene FC	11	10	0	1	109	34	30
In there like swim wear	10	7	0	3	55	53	21
The Real Hustle	11	6	0	5	74	83	15
Gangle Sawyer Haircut	11	6	0	5	112	63	12
Reebuck	10	4	0	6	79	91	12
Houndsdown	10	4	0	6	70	86	12
Scurvinox	11	3	0	8	66	114	12
FC Badalona II	10	2	0	8	55	96	6
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Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S015 ERS	11	9	0	2	106	70	27
The Maddicks	12	8	2	2	122	86	26
Barrow FC	11	7	1	3	121	71	22
Inter Minan F.C	11	7	0	4	102	89	15
Accrington Manley FC	11	4	0	7	84	93	12
Messi Pants	11	3	0	8	96	106	9
Spirit Of The Pegasi...	10	2	1	7	60	129	9
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League 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
The Granite	11	9	0	2	119	79	27
QK Union	11	6	2	3	110	83	20
Work In Progress	11	5	1	5	68	88	16
FC PORKYS	10	5	0	5	103	95	15
Team Cooper	10	4	2	4	94	93	14
300	11	4	1	6	84	99	13
Lounge FC	11	4	1	6	71	83	10
Tubbs Rovers	11	1	3	7	70	89	6
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Wednesday League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Go Lightly's	7	4	0	3	62	44	15
Ahl! Midday	7	5	0	2	59	42	15
Re United	6	5	0	1	39	22	15
Real Socialdads	6	3	0	3	28	31	9
Unassigned2	6	2	1	4	38	35	0
Unassigned6	6	0	1	6	11	63	0
Ahl! Midday 13 Go Lightly's 12, Unassigned 2nd 0 Unassigned 6th 0, Go Lightly's 7 Re United 5							

Thursday League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Red Power	13	12	0	1	112	69	36
Dench Gang	13	8	1	4	128	86	25
WKA FC	7	1	0	6	59	84	22
The Reem Team	12	6	1	6	92	101	16
Chien Maison	12	4	2	6	93	98	14
Ed Young + Craig	13	3	2	8	84	101	8
Orlando Chiefs	13	2	2	9	88	132	8
Borussia Forsyth FC	13	3	3	7	74	102	6
IKEA FC 16 Orlando Chiefs 11, Borussia Forsyth FC 9 Orlando Chiefs 5, Dench Gang 12 The Reem Team 7, In Memory of Ed Young + Craig 8 Red Power 12							

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ABBIE BAKER



LEWYS OAKLEY



EMILY MARTIN



GEORGIE WINGROVE



CHARLIE WOOD



LEWIS COLEMAN-SMITH

Abbie leads the

TOP junior divers from all over England descended on Southampton for the 11th Southampton Invitational competition.

More than 120 divers competed during three days of competition on both Platform and Springboard, with Southampton divers stealing the show – winning 13 of the 24 gold medals on offer.

Leading the way for the home club was Abbie Baker.

She dominated the girls' 12/13 age group with an excellent display to win three golds in the 1m and 3m springboard, and the platform competitions.

She dived consistently well, showing an inner strength by holding her nerve and calmly executing her toughest dives for an average of nearly 50 points to come from behind and finish top in the girls 12/13 platform.

Other notable success came from Lewis Coleman-Smith who, as the top Southampton boy, finished with two golds in the 14/15 years 1m springboard and platform events.

He also won silver in the 3m springboard, beating GB International Sebastian Masterton in the process.

Lewys Oakley, performing a reverse 2 ½ somersaults from the 10m platform

FULL SOUTHAMPTON RESULTS

Girls 10/11

1m; Tanya Watson 2nd, Emily Martin 4th, Jade Brindley 8th, Lauren Bailey 10th, Emily Adams 11th, Tia Pritchard 12th, Lucy Chandler 13th, Jessica Bennett 14th, Astrid Davis 15th.
3m; Emily Martin 1st, Tanya Watson 4th, Jade Brindley 8th, Emily Adams 9th, Lauren Bailey 10th.
Platform; Emily Martin 1st, Tanya Watson 5th, Jade Brindley 7th.

Boys 10/11

1m; Rhys Crookes 1st, Angus Kerr 2nd, Brandon Foster 5th, Dylan Lakeman-Brown 7th, Tyler Lane 10th, Thomas Bailey 18th, Luke Burns 20th, Cameron Gammage 21st.
3m; Brandon Foster 3rd, Dylan Lakeman-Brown 4th, Angus Kerr 6th, Thomas Bailey 9th, Tyler Lane 11th, Rhys Crookes 14th.
Platform; Brandon Foster 4th, Dylan Lakeman-Brown 5th, Angus Kerr 6th, Tyler Lane 10th, Rhys Crookes 11th.

Girls 12/13

1m; Abbie Baker 1st, Sophie Kinnard 4th, Charlotte Lemon 5th, Amy Pritchard 6th, Ellen Morrow 15th, Lucy Hawkins 16th, Caitlyn Crumpler 19th.

3m; Abbie Baker 1st, Ellen Morrow 7th, Lucy Hawkins 8th, Amy Pritchard 10th, Charlotte Lemon 12th, Sophie Kinnard 15th, Caitlyn Crumpler 17th.
Platform; Abbie Baker 1st, Amy Pritchard 5th, Lucy Hawkins 9th, Ellen Morrow 10th, Sophie Kinnard 11th.

Boys 12/13

1m; Elliot Moorhouse 3rd, Max Cott 4th, Thomas Wrightson 6th, Theo Barnes 7th, Robbie Brodie 8th, Alfie Lakeman-Brown 11th, Samuel Isaac 13th, Oscar Kitchen 14th.
3m; Thomas Wrightson 4th, Max Cott 5th, Theo Barnes 6th, Robbie Brodie 7th, Elliot Moorhouse 9th, Alfie Lakeman-Brown 11th, Oscar Kitchen 12th.
Platform; Max Cott 3rd, Thomas Wrightson 4th, Theo Barnes 5th, Robbie Brodie 6th, Elliot Moorhouse 7th.

Girls 14/15

1m; Eleanor Phillips 2nd, Gemma McArthur 3rd, Sarah White 7th, Portia Angove 9th.
3m; Gemma McArthur 1st, Sarah White 2nd, Portia Angove 3rd.
Platform; Gemma McArthur 2nd, Sarah White 3rd, Portia Angove 4th, Eleanor Phillips 6th.

Boys 14/15

1m; Lewis Coleman-Smith 1st, William Riglesford 5th, Lewys Oakley 7th, Thomas Graham 9th, Nick Egg 11th, Callum Weldon 13th, James Nicholson 14th, Harry Talbot 15th.
3m; Lewis Coleman-Smith 2nd, William Riglesford 5th, Thomas Graham 7th, Lewys Oakley 10th, Nick Egg 11th.
Platform; Lewis Coleman-Smith 1st, Lewys Oakley 3rd, William Riglesford 5th, Thomas Graham 9th, Nick Egg 11th, James Nicholson 12th, Callum Weldon 14th.

Girls 16+

1m; Georgie Wingrove 1st, Bethany Watts 4th.
3m; Georgie Wingrove 1st, Bethany Watts 2nd.
Platform; Lauren Grinstead 1st, Georgie Wingrove 2nd, Bethany Watts 3rd.

Boys 16+

1m; Charlie Wood 2nd, Alistair Khakoo 3rd.
3m; Ryan Strudwick 2nd, Alistair Khakoo 3rd.
Platform; Charlie Wood 1st.

for the first time in competition, earned an impressive 58 points – helping him take bronze in the platform event.

Georgie Wingrove won two golds in the girls 16+ event on springboard, supported on 3m by Bethany Watts who won silver.



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gold rush

Wingrove won a silver medal on platform behind Lauren Grinstead, who took gold, and ahead of Watts who won bronze.

Emily Martin dived consistently all weekend in the girls 10/11 competition and was rewarded with two golds in the 3m springboard and 5m platform.

Emily was joined in the medals by team mate Tanya Watson who confidently performed two new dives in her final to win silver on 1m springboard.

Many youngsters in this age group performed a back 1½ somersaults for the first time in competition, and the standard of this particular dive was outstanding.

In the boys' 10/11 events, Rhys Crookes won gold on the 1m springboard.

He came through Southampton's talent identification scheme in 2010, being one of 30 chosen from 2,000 school children tested for the Southampton diving programme.

As a result, his was a particularly pleasing medal.

Angus Kerr, nine, dived consistently in the same final to take silver.

Brandon Foster won bronze on the 3m springboard in the same age group, in what was a very high standard final.

Southampton showed strength in depth with a clean sweep of the girls age 14/15 3m springboard event.

Gemma McArthur won gold with

Sarah White silver and Portia Angove bronze.

Eleanor Phillips won silver on 1m in the same age group with McArthur close behind in third.

On platform, McArthur had to settle for silver in a close fought battle in which she wowed the judges with her back two and half somersaults gaining 8.5's from the judges. White won bronze.

Charlie Wood comfortably won gold in the boys 16+ platform, 43 points ahead of his closest competitor.

Charlie also won silver on 1m springboard with Alistair Khakoo winning bronze.

Alistair won a second bronze on 3m springboard with his team mate Ryan Strudwick fractionally ahead of him in silver.

Competing in the boys' 12/13 years competition, Elliot Moorhouse won a bronze on 1m, while Max Cott did likewise on Platform.

Southampton also ran out comfortable winners of the team trophy, beating Plymouth into second place.

Director of coaching Lindsey Fraser said: "It was a great weekend for Southampton Diving Academy."

"The success of the Southampton team demonstrates our strength in depth and shows promising signs for the season ahead at all levels, with potential medals coming from every age group."



HIGH FLIER: Abbie Baker in action.



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PORTIA ANGOVE

Sports Quiz

1 Sir Alex Ferguson celebrated 26 years in charge of Manchester United this week. Who did he succeed as manager in 1986?

2 Which member of the British Royal Family was voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year in 1971?

3 Who did John Isner eventually beat after 11 hours and five minutes of play over three days at Wimbledon 2010, following the longest match in the history of tennis?

4 Four teams from the Spanish capital compete in this season's Primera Division. Atletico Madrid, Real Madrid, Rayo Vallecano - and who else?

5 Which French rugby club has employed British players Jonny Wilkinson, pictured above, Delon Armitage, Andrew Sheridan, Simon Shaw and Gavin Henson?

6 Which club did Craig Levein manage before taking over as Scotland boss?

7 How old is England and Yorkshire batsman Joe Root?

8 What nationality is Toro Rosso driver Daniel Ricciardo?

9 Which team were bottom of the Aviva Premiership going into this weekend's games?

10 Who is the top ranked English golfer?

11 Craig Levein replaced who as Scotland manager?

12 Which NFL side play their home matches at Gillette Stadium?

13 Which npower League One club are nicknamed the Shakers?

14 Which Formula One driver looks set to complete his 100th race at the United States Grand Prix later this month?

15 Chris Adams is the cricket manager of which English county?

16 Who finished second behind Jessica Ennis in the Olympic heptathlon in London this summer?

17 In which year did Ben Curtis win the Open Championship?

18 And at which course?

19 In which year did Lindsay Davenport win the Wimbledon singles title?

20 In cricket, who was the leading run scorer in this year's County Championship?

21 Massimiliano Allegri is the coach of which football team?

22 Great Britain international Luol Deng plays for which NBA side?

23 Which two county sides has Graeme Swann, pictured above, represented?

24 Who won the most grand slam singles titles out of Boris Becker, Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe?

25 Safeco Field is the home stadium of which Major League Baseball side?



ANSWERS

1 Ron Atkinson; 2 HRH The Princess Anne (eventing); 3 Nicolas Mahut; 4 Getafe; 5 Toulon; 6 Dundee United; 7 Donald (number three); 8 Australian; 9 Sale; 10 Luke Burry; 11 Sebastian Vettel; 12 Surrey; 13 Burnley; 14 New England Patriots; 15 Rayo Vallecano; 16 Real Madrid; 17 2003; 18 18; 19 1999; 20 Nick Compton (Somerset); 21 AC Milan; 22 Chicago Bulls; 23 Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire; 24 Ivan Lendl (eight); 25 Seattle Mariners

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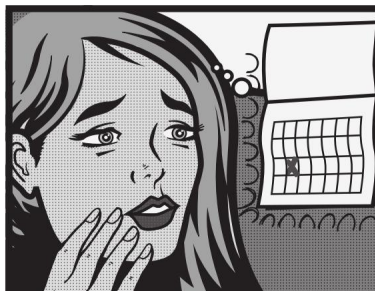
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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



NICK COMPTON

Compton in good Nick ahead of Test bow

NICK Compton will make his Test debut high on confidence next week after his third successive half-century for England.

As the tourists again found runs easy to come by but wickets significantly harder on the Sardar Patel B Ground's ultra-flat surface, their new Test opener-in-waiting added a second-innings 54 not out to his 74 two days ago.

England's struggle to bowl out Haryana lasted until teatime on day three of four in this final warm-up match, thanks largely to Rahul Dewan – who carried his bat for a near eight-hour 143.

But when they did complete the job, Haryana reaching 334, they still had a lead of 187 and therefore the notional option of enforcing the follow-on.

After spending almost 115 overs in the field under a hot sun and cloudless skies, it was no surprise they chose to bat again instead – and not much more of one that captain Alastair Cook, after his first-innings 97, decided Jonathan Trott (61no) could partner Compton in his place at the top of the order.

The South Africa-born pair did not look in the least trouble either, on the way to twin 98-ball 50s in a stumps total of 118 for none, to deal with a seam attack which had posed so few problems first time round on this bowlers' graveyard.

Compton's big stride in forward defence, and off-drive, is already a familiar sight after two weeks on tour – and his initial nought and one against India A and Mumbai A are becoming happily distant memories.

He helped to put England in position to bat on for perhaps half a session tomorrow, before Cook judges the time is right to again set about the tougher task of taking opposition wickets.

If Compton's batting has become increasingly assured, the same could not be said of his fielding and catching as he and others showed signs of weariness while Dewan continued remorselessly.

The Haryana opener edged short and wide of the slips more than once but mostly presented a broad bat in a 315-ball stay.

As England's stamina underwent an extreme yet appropriate test, for the challenges to come in a four-Test series, Compton floored one straight-forward chance and Matt Prior, back on duty after yesterday's stomach upset, was also short of his best behind the stumps.

Among their bowlers, Tim Bresnan (three for 66) got more than most out of the surface but even he could not shift Dewan.

HALF-CENTURY OF

Levick has made big impact in the game

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CRICKET REPORTER

HE has been involved in grass-roots cricket for more than 50 years, but Jeff Levick MBE has lost none of his enthusiasm.

Jeff was Hampshire Cricket Board chairman for more than a decade before standing down last week.

He also coached Hampshire age-group teams including the likes of Jimmy Adams, James Tomlinson, Chris Wood and Liam Dawson.

But it is the work he has done establishing Hampshire's Bluebird Care Disability Cricket programme for which he is best known.

Formed in 1998, shortly after the establishment of the Hampshire Cricket Board, it has gone from strength to strength.



How young stars shone

AS a former Hampshire age-group coach, Jeff Levick worked with some of the county's stars when they were schoolboys.

Jimmy Adams, pictured, James Tomlinson, Liam Dawson and Chris Wood all came through under his tutelage at Under-14 and Under-15 level.

So did Chris Wright, who has developed into an outstanding bowler at Warwickshire since being released by his home county as a teenager.

"Jimmy was always the outstanding player coming through, a cultured and prolific run scorer," he recalls.

"He scored a century in every age group and in his first match he scored 147 not

out for the Under-11s as an under-10.

"As a 14 year-old, Tomo was quite physically late in developing and quite a timid young man but I think he now likes eating batsmen!

"He also does a tremendous amount of work with our disability group and presented our end-of-season awards last Sunday.

"Chris Wood was always much more advanced than Tomo at the same age and could bat which Tomo had great difficulty doing. "Liam was an extremely good player, he comes from Wiltshire but was one of the few players to play right the way through from age 10-17. He's very, very talented and another nice fella who contributes a lot."



Last year it won Best Sports Project at the National Lottery Awards – and Jeff has been involved as a volunteer from the beginning. He is one reason for Hampshire's successful move from Northlands Road to the Ageas Bowl, having been given the role by Tony Middleton, when Hampshire's academy director was the HCB's cricket development officer.

"It was a necessity because to get money from Sport England to move here from Northlands Road you had to put a tick in the disability box and I was the one chosen to try and lead it," explains Jeff.

"I was reluctant at first but once you get involved you get a lot back.

"The best example I've got was a young man I met as a 13 year-old in

a special school. He wasn't a very pleasant young man but five years later he captained the England learning disabilities team in South Africa and ended up being presented to the Queen and Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace.

"He still plays now. While I can't say that cricket changed him I'm sure it was part of the change.

"He's now a very sociable young man."

Jeff has established special needs teams in several age-groups across four categories – learning difficulties, physical disability, deaf and visually impaired.

"Once the visually impaired groups are up and running they tend to run themselves, the day-to-

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

WORK FROM JEFF

Wolfe is the chief

NEW Milton CC president John Wolfe has replaced Jeff Levick as Hampshire Cricket Board chairman.

A former vice president of Hampshire's Members' Committee, chairman and life vice-president of the Southern Electric Premier League, Wolfe, below, officially replaced Levick last week.

"The Hampshire Cricket Board is the ultimate governing body for the recreational game and our principle activities are in creating a framework for the development of the game to ensure people can access it through schools, participation with local authorities and other stakeholders," said Wolfe, a former New Milton batsman who works closely with HCB cricket development officer Ben Thompson.

Thompson said: "Our responsibility is to the whole of the recreational game but the key focus for us is supporting our local clubs."

"They are crucial to the health of the recreational game so we're looking to find out what



support they need from the Hampshire Cricket Board and that feedback will feature heavily in our plans moving forward."

The HCB exists for the benefit of all clubs in the county, at adult and junior levels.

"Given the economic climate, the primary issue is generating income and facility development," continued Thompson.

"A lot of clubs have ageing facilities that need a level of investment but there aren't pots of money as easily accessible as in the past."

"So our role is to come up with some innovative solutions to help generate income to tackle problems they face."

Levick has seen the HCB evolve over the last 15 years.

"The board was formed in 1997 and Tony Middleton was the first cricket development officer when the emphasis was pushed towards the development of young players."

"It was the same under Mark Garaway, but it changed from just being about the development of players to being a business about inspiring and influencing recreational cricket generally."

"There are probably over 25,000 people playing cricket in Hampshire and originally Tony and Mark were one-man bands."

"But with a little help on the admin side we managed to grow the staff and the funding and we've got some tremendous volunteers."

the last five years – is hoping that inspires more to play cricket.

"Richard Whitehead, who won the T42 200m at the Paralympics, played cricket here in a demonstration game," he reveals.

"He was known as 'Stumpy' because he's a double amputee above the knee and he played without his prosthetics on."

"He was like lightning in the field so you can imagine what he'd be like with those big blades, having seen him move, once he got round the bend in the 200m..."

"There are so many of them at all different levels."

"One of the national disabled bowlers has one leg and takes his prosthetic off to bowl. He hands his crutches to the umpire, takes a 15-yard run, hops up and bowls very tidy medium pace for England."

"I could go on forever because everyone has a story to tell."

Jeff was awarded an MBE by the Queen at Windsor Castle at the turn of a year that has seen him and wife Joyce celebrate their golden wedding. They live in Winchester and have two daughters, one of whom plays for St Cross Symondians CC.

"We now look after 1,000 players a year, all with their own tales and ranging in age from ten to 70"

A former Kent Under-19 player, Jeff turned out for Littleton when his job as a sales manager in Eastleigh brought him to Hampshire in the mid-seventies.

But he does not look back for long, preferring to concentrate on making disability cricket available to a wider audience.

"We coach a lot of youngsters but at the moment the county teams are the exit route so there's a very narrow funnel," he says.

"Accessing young adults who maybe don't know much about cricket is going to be hard work but that's the next five-year plan."

"We have schools leagues but we want to set up adult leagues. It's not going to happen tomorrow."

"When I talk to day centre managers they reply 'cricket? I'm not sure our clients are going to get much out of cricket.'"

"We have to make sure they can see they can get something out of it."

"The ethos of the Hampshire Cricket Board is 'providing a cricketing future for all' and I think that encapsulates what we're trying to do."

WELL EARNED: Hampshire Cricket chairman Rod Bransgrove presents Jeff Levick with an honorary life membership certificate. *Picture: Barry Zee*

day involvement is mostly focused on the other three," he said.

"We're very lucky, there are about 20 coaches who get involved. It started with two of us, myself and Les Randall, and it's grown from there."

"We now look after 1,000 players a year, all with their own tales and ranging in age from ten to 70. It

gives us a lot of satisfaction."

"One man in a power wheelchair is now a qualified coach, coaching able-bodied children."

"Our hardball disabled team won the national county championship this year and they're all great characters."

"I drop clangers with them all the time."

"One of them, Jamie Legg, is a dwarf."

"When he told me his last production was a pantomime, I asked which one! You get a lot back."

The Paralympics highlighted the potential of all disabled athletes and Jeff – who has also been chairman of Disability Cricket Development in the South-West for

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RUGBY UNION

England start is not good enough

CHRIS ROBBSHAW warned the England players that they cannot afford a slow start against the likes of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa as the team did today at Twickenham.

Despite comprehensively beating Fiji 54-12, Stuart Lancaster's side began poorly.

And captain Robshaw said: "We were pretty slow coming out of the blocks today. We eventually warmed into the game but we cannot do that over the next three weeks."

Lancaster agreed with Robshaw and said England had "rusty areas" which need to be fixed before next week's clash against the Wallabies.

He said "Next week and the week after and the week after



ALEX GOODE

that we are going to have to be more clinical."

Man-of-the-match Alex Goode said: "At the start we were a bit scrappy and there were a few errors."

"I thought when we hung on to the ball we created some good stuff."

Lancaster paid tribute to the performances of Goode and Tom Youngs.

Youngs came into the game under some pressure but performed well as hooker.

"He was under a bit of pressure coming into the game but he nailed every one (lineout)," said Lancaster.

Local Cricket Spotlight

+++ Southern Electric Premier League presentation evening +++



CHAMPS: South Wilts' captain James Hayward, left, receives the ECB Southern Electric Premier League trophy from Huw Lock, Southern Electric's sponsorship account manager. The Salisbury club won nine of their 14 games to clinch their first championship in eight years, since 1994.

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BEST BEHAVED IN CLASS! OTs & Romsey (Jody Brown), left, Bournemouth II (Tom Wainwright) and Ed Freeman (Lymington), right, enjoyed top marks in the Fair Play table and collected the three divisional awards on behalf of their clubs.



PROMISING Hampshire Academy teenager Matt King has been named Southern Electric Premier League Young Cricketer of the Year.

The Basingstoke & North Hants raised lower-order batsman, pictured above, and pace bowler made 235 runs in addition to capturing 25 wickets in a rain ravaged summer.

The 18-year-old is wintering in Perth and currently making his debut for WACA Grade club Subiaco Floreat.

He will receive the John Millett Memorial Trophy upon his return in the spring.



BEST IN LEAGUE: The Isle of Wight's prestigious county ground at Newclose was named Southern Electric Premier League Ground of the Year for the second consecutive season. Head groundsman Andy Butler, right, receives the award from Premier League president Alan Bundy.



CHART TOPPERS: Tichborne Park pair Tom Allam (32 wickets), left, and Dave Lyons (19 dismissals) won the Division 3 bowling and wicket-keeping awards, respectively.



RUN MAKERS: Fair Oak captain Mark Thorne, centre, and Liphook opener Peter Woodland, right, shared the Division 3 batting prize, with 491 runs each.

IN NEXT WEEK'S PINK ... HAMPSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE PRESENTATION EVENING PICTURES

Local Cricket Spotlight

+++ Southern Electric Premier League presentation evening +++



SAFE HANDS: Hambledon's Nick Scutt, centre, and Rowledge glove-man Ian Metcalfe, right, shared the Division 2 wicket-keeping award with 18 dismissals each.



KINGPINS: Southampton University's Jamie Richards, right, led Liphook & Ripsley to the Division 3 crown. Huw Lock presents the award.

Aggers tops the bill

THE ECB Southern Electric Premier League experienced the wettest cricket season in its 40-year plus history this summer – but it didn't deter almost 350 players and officials packing the Southampton Novotel for its recent presentation evening.

Topping the bill was BBC *Test Match Special* front-man Jonathon Agnew, pictured right, who enthralled his audience with stories from his experiences as a player with Leicestershire and England and in the radio commentary boxes at Test grounds around the world, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

The diners listened intently to Agnew's numerous tales of working alongside former England opening batsman Geoffrey Boycott, while the *Test Match Special* on-air incident in, in which Agnew's comment on Ian Botham's attempt to avoid stepping on his stumps – "He just couldn't quite get his leg over" provoking prolonged fits of giggles, most notably from Brian Johnston – voted the greatest piece of sporting commentary ever, brought his 45-minute speech to a perfect conclusion.

Agnew also joined Huw Lock, Southern Electric's sponsorship account manager, in presenting the 2012 season awards.



TROPHY DEFENCE: Hambledon captain Dan Hewitt carried off the Division 2 bowling award for the second consecutive season, taking 34 wickets.



LEAGUE BEST: South Wilts' Tom Morton won the Premier Division wicket-keeping award for a second time, with 20 dismissals.



LEFT: David Taylor won the Premier Division batting award for the second consecutive season and receives his award from BBC *Test Match Special* commentator Jonathon Agnew.



BELOW: Former Hampshire cricketer Richard Logan won the Barry Boorah Bowl for the leading Premier Division wicket-taker, with 35 victims for St Cross Symondians.



LEAGUE GLORY: Sarisbury Athletic won the Division 2 title, having only been promoted the previous season. Dave Banks, left, receives the trophy from Huw Lock.

HORSE RACING

Pipe to call tune at Rasen

TRAINER David Pipe can make a successful raid on Market Rasen by securing a double in Sunday's card, courtesy of My Brother Sylvest and Basil Fawley.

The former is firstly taken to do the business in the Victor Lucas Memorial Novices' Handicap Chase.

Pipe's six-year-old has his own way of doing things, but was pretty useful over hurdles – to which a hat-trick of wins last October would testify.

He also shaped encouraging on his chasing bow at Kempton last month when customary front-running tactics resulted in a third-placed finish behind the useful Sire De Grugy.

My Brother Sylvest was admittedly worried out of it late on, but he seemed in need of a more demanding test of stamina.

That might explain Pipe's decision to step him up in trip by three-quarters of a mile.

This does not look anywhere near as exacting as that race at Kempton, while the likelihood of good ground in Lincolnshire is also crucial to his chances.

As might his trailblazing tendencies, as front-runners invariably do very well in races like this at Market Rasen.

Suitably inspired, Pipe can win the concluding Royal British Legion "Hands And Heels" Handicap Hurdle with Basil Fawley.

The Malcolm Denmark-owned seven-year-old did not show a great deal for former trainer Warren Greatrex in four starts over hurdles and in bumpers, but was a big eye-catcher on his debut for Pipe at Exeter last month.

Tom Scudamore's mount made solid, if unspectacular, progress to take fourth spot behind the unbeaten Mr Mole, but should be a lot fitter here as that was his first start since last November.

Basil Fawley looks exceedingly unexposed over hurdles and could be considerably well in at the weights off an inaugural mark of 106.

Lady Karinga has had a rather nomadic career, but looks to be coming to hand for her engagement at Ffos Las.

The seven-year-old mare had already changed hands four times before being sent to Pembrokehire handler Lucy Jones, for whom she made a pretty decent debut at Hereford at the beginning of the month.

Although she was always playing second fiddle to Mistree Dancer, Lady Karinga jumped pretty well in a mares' handicap chase over an extended two miles and five furlongs to finish a clear second.

Jones' new recruit is not the quickest, but she stays well, when in the right frame of mind, and should enjoy this return to three miles for the Oyster Pools And Jacuzzi Raglan Handicap Chase.

Little wonder Nigel Hawke is giving Any Turge another chance to shine in the AWB Of PD Handicap Chase – just four days after his battling success at Chepstow.

The seven-year-old has rarely run a bad one over fences, and is clearly somewhere near the top of his game judged by a game two-length defeat of Sew On Target on Wednesday.

Hawke's representative made a winning move under Mark Quinlan some way from home at Chepstow and was always in control.

The likelihood of soft ground gives him a sound chance of readily defying a 7lb penalty before he is reassessed.

● Turn to page 44 for Sunday's race cards and selections.

IN NEXT WEEK'S PINK ... SOUTHAMPTON EVENING CRICKET LEAGUE AWARDS SPECIAL

QUOTES of the week

"I don't believe Mark Clattenburg would make any comments like that. I refuse to believe it. I think it is unthinkable in the modern climate. I just don't believe it - simple as that" - **Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson is confident of Clattenburg's innocence as the referee faces allegations of using inappropriate language to Chelsea players.**

"If he said that, it would be stupid but I can't believe that he said it" - **Fulham boss Martin Jol is also shocked by the allegations.**

"I didn't realise that he gets death threats and all that. He has had death threats to him and his family - people talking about his family, his kids, about putting a bullet in their heads. I don't know how you can shrug off something like that. That must be incredibly hard. I think referees deserve more credit" - **Newcastle defender Steven Taylor is shocked at the abuse faced by referee Mark Halsey.**

"How many times does he have to say? He doesn't say one thing to (the media) and another to me. That would be absolutely crazy. He is an honest guy and he is very open" - **QPR manager Mark Hughes, below, points to the repeated support of chairman Tony Fernandes as speculation continues over his future.**



"This case has resulted in a right and proper sanction for the athlete in question and has served as a revelation to the world of sport. For this USADA must be applauded" - **the World Anti-Doping Agency salutes its United States counterpart for its investigation into Lance Armstrong.**

"He showed a bit more class than probably their fans did to him, but it is banter from their fans and he celebrated in the right way, I think" - **Manchester United defender Rio Ferdinand reflects on Robin van Persie's goalscoring reunion with Arsenal, and the Dutchman's muted celebration.**

"We deserve respect. What Marotta said before the game troubled me. He made a sarcastic comment about our lack of preparation. We work very hard and that's clear, we made it difficult for a team that has been the strongest in Italy for the last two years" - **Andrea Stramaccioni makes Juventus director general Beppe Marotta regret his pre-match comments calling him naive, as his Inter Milan side end Juve's 49-match unbeaten run.**

"Tommy Godwin represented all that is great about our sport - a true gentleman who achieved great things as a competitor, a coach and an administrator. Our sport is privileged to have been associated with him" - **British Cycling president Brian Cookson pays tribute to the double Olympic medallist following his death on Saturday.**

India v England Test series preview ...

Prior: England to succeed on

SOUTH coast star Matt Prior believes England must go back to basics if they are to end their long wait for success in India.

England have traditionally struggled in sub-continental conditions and have not won a series in India since ex-Hampshire star David Gower led them to a 2-1 victory way back in 1985.

Over the last 27 years England have won just once in 13 Tests in India when a team featuring Sussex spinner Monty Panesar triumphed by 212 runs in Mumbai in 2005.

In all, India have only lost three out of 38 home series since Gower's history-makers in the mid-1980s.

Since losing the last of those three series - 2-1 to Australia in 2004/05 - India have lost only four out of 32 home Tests, winning 16 of them.

Panesar's county colleague Prior is well aware of the challenges facing him and his teammates over the next six weeks as they attempt to put right that disappointing record.

The current England team have made a habit of making history, however, with Prior part of the side which won an Ashes series in Australia for the first time in 24 years back in 2011.

The Sussex wicketkeeper has also been an integral factor in England's rise to No.1 in the Test rankings - an achievement they completed by thrashing India 4-0 at home in 2011.

Prior believes that shows that rather than being fazed by the toughest of assignments, the current England team are more likely to rise to the challenge.

Prior said: "It is going to be a monumental effort but the thing I love about this team is that, whenever there are targets or records like that to be broken, we have usually stepped up to the task."

"Winning on the sub-continent is almost the final frontier. It is something we haven't done and want to do it."

"It is maybe bigger than winning in Australia."

"You don't have the thrill of the Ashes from a spectators' perspective but from a player's point of view this series is massive."

Prior has played in nine of his 58 Tests against India - including the whitewash at home in 2011 - but only two of those have been on the sub-continent.

The 30-year-old is regarded as one of the best players of spin in the England side but even his statistics on the sub-continent highlight the problems facing England.

He has six Test centuries to his name but has not reached three figures in 14 innings away to India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh - he hasn't played in Pakistan.

It is also noticeable - and understandable - that his average on the sub-continent is significantly lower than his overall one of 42.61.

He averages 39.27 in India, 32.00 in Sri Lanka and 34.50 in Bangladesh.

Prior accepts that England will have to adapt to the unique demands of playing - both batting and bowling - in conditions that do not tend to suit the tourists but believes they have the ability to do just that.

"It is going to be really tough there for a number of reasons," he added. "Going to India and winning is really tough as they play really well in their own conditions and we are going to have to step up and play very skilful cricket."

"Playing in the sub-continent is about the basics of the game."

"It is about scoring big first innings runs and working hard to take 20 wickets on what are usually pretty docile wickets."

"I certainly think this team have got the skills to do that. We have got a lot of players who have played in the sub-continental cricket who will have learned from their successes and failures."



DAVID GOWER



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India v England Test series preview ...

have the skill 'Final Frontier'

How Gower's tourists turned the tide against India in 1984/85

FLASHBACK to 1984/85, the last time England won a Test series in India – and they did so after losing the first Test out of five. This is how David Gower's men hit back ...

India v England 2nd Test, Delhi, December 1984

India first innings

SM Gavaskar c Downton b Ellison	28
AD Gaekwad b Pocock	28
DB Vengsarkar st Downton b Edmonds	24
M Amarnath c Gower b Pocock	42
SM Patil c Pocock b Edmonds	30
RJ Shastri c Fowler b Pocock	2
Kapil Dev c Downton b Ellison	60
SMH Kirmani c Gatting b Ellison	27
M Prabhakar c Downton b Ellison	25
NS Yadav not out	28
L Sivaramakrishnan run out (Robinson)	25
Extras	15
Total (all out, 125.2 overs)	307
Fall: 1-3, 2-56, 3-68, 4-129, 5-131, 6-140, 7-208, 8-235, 9-258, 10-307	

Bowling: Cowans 20-5-70-0, Ellison 26-6-66-4, Edmonds 44-2-16-83-2, Pocock 33-8-70-3, Gatting 2-0-5-0

England first innings

G Fowler c Gaekwad b Prabhakar	5
RT Robinson c Gavaskar b Kapil Dev	160
MW Gatting b Yadav	26
AJ Lamb c Vengsarkar b Yadav	52
DI Gower lbw b Sivaramakrishnan	5
CS Cowdrey c Gavaskar b Sivaramakrishnan	38
PR Downton c Kapil Dev b Sivaramakrishnan	74
PH Edmonds c Shastri b Sivaramakrishnan	26
RM Ellison b Sivaramakrishnan	10
PI Pocock b Sivaramakrishnan	0
NG Cowans not out	0
Extras	22
Total (all out, 169.1 overs)	418
Fall: 1-15, 2-60, 3-170, 4-181, 5-237, 6-343, 7-398, 8-411, 9-415, 10-418	

Bowling: Kapil Dev 32-5-87-1, Prabhakar 21-3-68-1, Sivaramakrishnan 49-1-17-99-6, Yadav 36-6-95-2, Shastri 29-4-44-0, Amarnath 2-0-6-0

India second innings

SM Gavaskar b Pocock	65
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M Prabhakar c Downton b Cowans	5
DB Vengsarkar b Cowans	1
M Amarnath b Edmonds	64
SM Patil c Lamb b Edmonds	41
RJ Shastri not out	25
Kapil Dev c Lamb b Pocock	7
AD Gaekwad c Downton b Edmonds	0
SMH Kirmani b Pocock	6
NS Yadav c Lamb b Edmonds	1
L Sivaramakrishnan c and b Pocock	0
Extras	20
Total (all out, 103.4 overs)	235
Fall: 1-12, 2-15, 3-136, 4-172, 5-207, 6-214, 7-216, 8-225, 9-234, 10-235	

Bowling: Cowans 13-2-43-2, Ellison 7-1-20-0, Edmonds 44-4-60-4, Pocock 38-4-9-93-4, Gatting 1-0-3-0

England second innings

G Fowler c Vengsarkar b Sivaramakrishnan	29
RT Robinson run out	18
MW Gatting not out	30
AJ Lamb not out	37
Extras	13
Total (2 wickets, 23.4 overs)	127
Fall: 1-41, 2-68	

Bowling: Kapil Dev 6-0-20-0, Prabhakar 3-0-18-0, Sivaramakrishnan 8-0-41-1, Yadav 2-0-7-0, Shastri 4-0-20-0, Gavaskar 0-4-10-0

England won by 8 wickets

4th Test, January 1985

India first innings

SM Gavaskar b Foster	17
K Srikanth c Downton b Cowans	0
DB Vengsarkar c Lamb b Foster	17
M Amarnath c Downton b Foster	78
M Azharuddin b Cowdrey	48
RJ Shastri c Downton b Foster	2
Kapil Dev c Cowans b Cowdrey	53
SMH Kirmani not out	30
NS Yadav b Foster	2
L Sivaramakrishnan c Cowdrey b Foster	13
C Sharma c Lamb b Cowans	5
Extras	7
Total (all out, 67.5 overs)	272
Fall: 1-17, 2-17, 3-45, 4-155, 5-167, 6-167, 7-241, 8-243, 9-263, 10-272	

Bowling: Cowans 12.5-3-39-2, Foster 23-2-104-6,

Edmonds 6-1-33-0, Cowdrey 19-1-65-2, Pocock 7-1-28-0	
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England first innings

G Fowler c Kirmani b Kapil Dev	201
RT Robinson c Kirmani b Sivaramakrishnan	74
MW Gatting c sub (G Sharma) b Shastri	207
AJ Lamb b Amarnath	62
PH Edmonds lbw b Shastri	36
NA Foster b Amarnath	5
DI Gower b Kapil Dev	18
CS Cowdrey not out	3
PR Downton not out	3
Extras	43
Total (7 wickets, declared, 175 overs)	652

Fall: 1-178, 2-419, 3-563, 4-599, 5-604, 6-640, 7-646
Bowling: Kapil Dev 36-5-131-2, Sharma 18-0-95-0, Sivaramakrishnan 44-6-145-1, Yadav 23-4-76-0, Shastri 42-7-143-2, Amarnath 12-1-36-2

India second innings

SM Gavaskar c Gatting b Foster	3
K Srikanth c Cowdrey b Foster	16
DB Vengsarkar c Downton b Foster	2
M Amarnath c Cowans b Foster	95
M Azharuddin c Gower b Pocock	105
RJ Shastri c Cowdrey b Edmonds	33
Kapil Dev c Gatting b Cowans	49
SMH Kirmani c Lamb b Edmonds	75
L Sivaramakrishnan lbw b Foster	5
NS Yadav c Downton b Cowans	5
C Sharma not out	17
Extras	7
Total (all out, 122.5 overs)	412
Fall: 1-7, 2-19, 3-22, 4-212, 5-259, 6-259, 7-341, 8-350, 9-361, 10-412	

Bowling: Cowans 15-1-73-2, Foster 28-8-59-5, Cowdrey 5-0-26-0, Edmonds 41.5-13-119-2, Pocock 33-8-130-1

England second innings

G Fowler c Kirmani b Sivaramakrishnan	2
RT Robinson not out	21
MW Gatting not out	10
Extras	2
Total (1 wicket, 8 overs)	35
Fall: 1-7	

Bowling: Kapil Dev 3-0-20-0, Sivaramakrishnan 4-0-12-1, Shastri 1-0-2-0. **England won by 9 wickets**

QUOTES of the week

"We know how consistent Fernando has been this year, so it was entirely predictable that starting from sixth on the grid he was going to be on the podium. I mentally had an image of him taking 15 or 25 points out of us, so for Sebastian to limit the damage to only three and finish behind him shows what a great drive it was. He just drove a phenomenal race" - **Christian Horner**, Vettel's team principal at Red Bull, offers a different view.

"A guy called me the n-word five times within the referee's earshot. I asked him to do something about it but he didn't. So I two-footed the geezer and walked off the pitch. I got sent off and banned and missed the play-offs as a result. I couldn't prove it and it was my word against his. That was 10 years ago and things have moved on so far since then" - **Hull defender Liam Rosenior** welcomes the progress in football's fight against racism, after revealing he once took matters into his own hands as a teenager in Bristol City's reserves.

"I don't understand why you continue to ask me (about) last year, last month. This is finished. Why? Why, for which reason? Why do you continue to ask me, 'Last year you had a chance to go'? I stay here because my work is here. I worked for two years. I built with the chairman and the owner, this team. We won three trophies in two years. For 50 years we didn't win. Never" - **Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini**, below, reacts angrily to continued questions about reports he could have joined Monaco last season.



"One time (in Uzbekistan), I think there was an uprising. The British consulate had to come in and drive us out in an armed convoy. That was a bit different. It's all character-building stuff, isn't it?"

Jonny Marray explains how life at the ATP World Tour Finals differs from his usual diet of Futures tournaments.

"The players are heroes, they are heroes to me, I can't speak highly enough of their performance tonight and they will go down in the history books of the club as the team who beat probably the best team in the world," **Celtic manager Neil Lennon** hails his side following their 2-1 win over Barcelona.

"This is up there with anything I've done in my life. As a manager, I don't know if I will top that. I hope I do and progress, I am still young, still learning, but it's up there with anything I've achieved, not just in my football career, but in my life," **Lennon** is also pretty pleased with his own accomplishment in masterminding victory of mighty Barca.

"It was incredible how Sebastian came up from the pit lane. He must be the luckiest person in Formula One" - **Lewis Hamilton** reflects on Sebastian Vettel's pitlane-to-podium drive in Abu Dhabi. Vettel had been excluded from the qualifying standings after a fuel irregularity.

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Fri 23 November - 2nd Test (Mumbai)
Wed 5 December - 3rd Test (Kolkata)
Thurs 13 December - 4th Test (Nagpur)
Thurs 20 December - 1st T20 (Pune)
Sat 22 December - 2nd T20 (Mumbai)
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MARKET RASEN

Sunday's runners

Going: Good to Soft-Good in places

1.10 MARKET RASEN YOUNG FARMERS CLUB JUVENILE HURDLE (CLASS 4). £6,000 added 3YO only 2m 1f Penalty Value £3,899.

1	5	BLUE TOP (25) T Walford 10 12	.....	B Toomey (3)
2	43F	DONT TAKE ME ALIVE (9) C Longsdon 10 12	.....	N Fehly
3		FEELING GOOD (F42) B Ellison 10 12	.....	D Cook
4		KASHMIR PEAK (IRE) (F67) J J Quinn 10 12	.....	D Costello
5	US	KIAN'S JOY (11) J O'Keefe 10 12	.....	B Harding
6	0	LAST ZAK (25) M W Easterly 10 12	.....	K Renwick
7		LATENFAST (F394) M W Easterly 10 12	.....	J Greenall (1)
8		RHYME ROYAL (F234) Miss M C Wilson 10 5	.....	A Voy (3)

BETTING: 11-8 Dont Take Me Alive, 13-8 Kashmir Peak, 7-1 Blue Top, Feeling Good, 25-1 Rhyme Royal, Latenfast, 50-1 Last Zak, Kian's Joy.

1.40 ABF SOLDIERS CHARITY NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £3,900 added 4YO PLUS 2m 3f Penalty Value £2,534.

1	/3431	REACTION (15) M Appleby 6 11 5	.....	R Mahon (3)
2	1/2-2	BARAKILLA (IRE) (31) E Williams 5 10 12	.....	P Moloney
3	0/0-	KINGAROO (IRE) (F14) C Woodford 6 10 12	.....	A Pogson
4		MILAN ROYALE (J) Jefferson 7 10 12	.....	H Haynes
5	F13-	MR WATSON (IRE) (216) Jonjo O'Neill 5 10 12	.....	R McLernon
6	604/0-	OUR GOLDEN BOY (IRE) (254) A Brown 6 10 12	.....	D Cook
7	450	SIBERIAN SUN (IRE) (43) Jonjo O'Neill 4 10 12	.....	M Linehan (7)
8	022-	TIMESHARD (IRE) (203) G McPherson 5 10 12	.....	T Molloy (3)
9	FF6-32	VALLEYOFMILAN (IRE) (161) D McCain 5 10 12	.....	J Maguire
10	0-4	WHISPERING BOB (IRE) (184) J Williams 5 10 12	.....	H Skelton

BETTING: 6-4 Valleyofmilan, 7-2 Barrakilla, 6-1 Reaction, Mr Watson, 10-1 Milan Royale, 14-1 Whispering Bob, 16-1 Timeshard, 20-1 Siberian Sun, 50-1 others.

2.15 VICTOR LUCAS MEMORIAL NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 3). £8,700 added 4YO PLUS 2m 6f 110yds Penalty Value £5,653.

1	311BF2	ALPINE BREEZE (IRE) (16) (C) D Cantillon 6 11 12	Peter Carberry (5)
2	3400-4	VINO GRIEGO (FR) (26) G L Moore 7 11 11	J Moore
3	1000-3	MY BROTHER SYLVEST (21) (D) D Pipe 6 11 10	Conor O'Farrell
4	202-F5	BRASS TAX (IRE) (22) B Case 6 11 9	D Jacob
5	321-14	AMRON LAD (IRE) (30) D McCain 5 11 8	J Maguire
6	3533B3	TOUGH TALKIN MAN (IRE) (18) P Bowen 8 10 11	T J O'Brien
7	/5334-	TRICKY TREE (IRE) (331) Mrs P Sly 6 10 9	S Quinlan

BETTING: 15-8 Alpine Breeze, 5-2 Amron Lad, 13-2 My Brother Sylvest, 7-1 Vino Griego, 8-1 Tough Talkin Man, 12-1 Brass Tax, 14-1 Tricky Tree.

2.45 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY LEST WE FORGET HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 3m 1f Penalty Value £3,249.

1	P15-P0	O CROTAIGH (IRE) (17) (C) A Brown 8 11 12	D Cook
2	0P-300	PROPHETE DE GUYE (FR) (25) (CD) H Evans 9 11 12	F de Gies
3	3230-5	CHAC DU CADRAN (FR) (25) C Bealby 6 11 9	T Messenger
4	13-3PP	VICTOR ECHO (IRE) (23) (D) Mrs S Humphrey 7 11 9	J Doyle
5	01P-PP	ROSSMORE LAD (IRE) (23) C Longsdon 7 11 9	N Fehly
6	3-5415	I'M THE DECIDER (IRE) (32) Jonjo O'Neill 10 11 8	M Linehan (7)
7	P-P510	NO PANIC (IRE) (32) (CD) P Bowen 9 11 7	T J O'Brien

BETTING: 9-4 I'm The Decider, 3-1 Chac Du Cadran, 5-1 Rossmore Lad, 7-1 No

Panic, 8-1 Prophete De Guye, I Need A Hero, 12-1 O Crotaiigh.

3.20 GET MARRIED AT MARKET RASEN HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 5). £3,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value £1,949.

1	045543	BAN UISCE (IRE) (24) Miss J Foster 7 11 12	John Dawson (7)
2	031-U3	FAREWELLATMIDNIGHT (16) (D) A Hales 6 11 5	P Buchanan
3	30P-0P	CAPISCI (IRE) (109) S-J Davies 7 10 13	L Treadwell
4	P33365	MAD PROFESSOR (IRE) (64) J Cornwell 9 10 4	J Cornwell (5)
5	6PPP-P	NESNAAS (USA) (19) (C) A J Liddedale 11 10 3	W Kennedy
6	3PF652	PEAK SEASONS (IRE) (7) M Chapman 9 10 0	G Rutherford (5)
7	4555-4	WISHES OR WATCHES (IRE) (7) J Upson 12 10 0	G Sheehan (7)

BETTING: 7-4 Ban Uisce, 2-1 Fawellatmidnight, 9-2 Mad Professor, 10-1 Capisci, 12-1 Peak Seasons, 20-1 Nesnaas, Wishes Or Watches.

3.50 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 'HANDS AND HEELS' HANDICAP HURDLE (CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS AND AMATEUR RIDERS) (CLASS 4). £3,900 added 4YO PLUS 2m 3f Penalty Value £2,534.

1	3U25-0	ARTISAN (23) B Ellison 4 11 12	T Bellamy
2	4544-4	CHICKLEMIX (16) Mrs P Sly 6 11 8	Miss B Andrews (3)
3	7000-4	BASIL FAWLEY (IRE) (19) D Pipe 7 11 5	Mr K Edgar (3)
4	POF456	DARK ENERGY (35) F O'Brien 8 10 8	Mr C P Shoemark (5)
5	02326	BLACKSTONE VEGAS (9) D Shaw 6 10 5	Mr O Garner (3)

BETTING: 7-4 Artisan, 3-1 Basil Fawley, 9-2 Dark Energy, 5-1 Chicklemix, 6-1 Blackstone Vegas.

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Sunday's runners

Going: Soft-Good to Soft in places

12.55 WYEVALLEYDEMOLITION.CO.UK NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £3,249.

101	0/50-P	ADAJARAD (IRE) (41) E Williams 5 10 12	Conor Ring (10)
102	1125-	AT FISHERS CROSS (IRE) (159) (CD) Miss R Curtis 5 10 12	A P McCoy
103	461-	COPPER BIRCH (IRE) (231) E Williams 4 10 12	A Wedge (3)
104	3233-3	EARTH TREMOR (IRE) (155) (BF) T Vaughan 6 10 12	R Johnson
105	100	LYDSTEP POINT (19) D Rees 5 10 12	J M Davies
106	34-4	MASTER BENJAMIN (14) J Scott 5 10 12	N Schofield
107	4135	MY LAD PERCY (31) (D) Mrs D Hamer 4 10 12	A Conlon (5)
108	6	ORISSAN JIM (IRE) (20) T Vaughan 5 10 12	Mr B Gibbs (7)
109	00	WHO AM I (31) Mrs D Hamer 6 10 12	D Devereux (3)

BETTING: 1-2 At Fishers Cross, 9-2 Earth Tremor, 8-1 Master Benjamin, 14-1 Copper Birch, 20-1 Orissan Jim, My Lad Percy, 33-1 Adajarad, 66-1 Lydstep Point, Who Am I.

1.25 DUNRAVEN WINDOWS NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 3m Penalty Value £3,249.

201	413-12	BOYFROMNOWHERE (IRE) (29) (D)(BF) Miss R Curtis 5 11 5	A P McCoy
202	03-1	UNCLE JIMMY (IRE) (36) P Hobbs 5 11 5	R Johnson
203	PU2-	ELM HILL (IRE) (248) T Vaughan 5 10 12	A Coleman
204	P511-	HIGH HO SHERIFF (IRE) (216) (D) T R George 6 10 12	P Brennan

205	623	MUMBLES BAY (IRE) (70) P Bowen 6 10 12	D Devereux (3)
206	6110US	SIR BENFRO (19) W Goldsworthy 6 10 12	Mr M Barber (7)
207	2-4	STANDING OVATION (IRE) (187) D Pipe 5 10 12	T J Murphy
208	05-524	VICTOR ECHO (IRE) (26) (BF) P Evans 6 10 12	D O'Regan
209	P0	JOE'S DAUGHTER (15) D Burchell 4 10 5	D Fahy

BETTING: 13-8 Boyfromnowhere, 11-4 Uncle Jimmy, 6-1 Victor Echo, 8-1 Standing Ovation, 10-1 High Ho Sheriff, 12-1 Mumbles Bay, 14-1 Elm Hall, 25-1 Sir Benfro, 100-1 Joe's Daughter.

2.00 AWB OF PD HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 4). £6,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £3,899.

301	12-P21	ANAY TURGE (FR) (4) (D) N Hawke 7 12 17(7ex)	M Quinlan (3)
302	225P6-	RIMINI (FR) (234) (D) D Rees 7 11 12	Mr B Gibbs (7)
303	1103P2	WHATSHALLWEDO (10) (D) T Vaughan 7 11 8	R Johnson
304	-46200	HAZEYMM (IRE) (17) (D) M Sheppard 9 11 7	C Poste
305	2143-4	LADY WILLA (IRE) (20) (D) M Gillard 5 11 4	T Phelan
306	P-6554	BONOMAN (IRE) (15) E Williams 9 10 8	Conor Ring (10)

BETTING: 13-8 Anay Turge, 7-2 Whatshallwedo, 4-1 Bonoman, 6-1 Lady Willa, 7-1 Rimini, 16-1 Hazeymm.

2.30 BATHWICK TYRES BEGINNERS' CHASE (CLASS 3). £11,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 3f 110yds Penalty Value £7,148.

401	4310A-	ACHIMOTA (IRE) (233) D M Sheppard 6 11 2	C Poste
402	P200-	CELTUS (FR) (207) N Henderson 5 11 2	A P McCoy
403	45P-15	CITY PRESS (IRE) (12) (D) W Greatrex 6 11 2	W Hutchinson

404	4563/4	GREY MISSILE (14) (BF) J Scott 7 11 2	N Schofield
405	PU51-3	HOWARD'S LEGACY (IRE) (182) (D) Miss V Williams 6 11 2	A Coleman

406	F153P-	JUMPS ROAD (248) (C) C Tizzard 5 11 2	J Tizzard
407	31105-	MOUNTAINOUS (IRE) (227) (CD) R Lee 7 11 2	T Scudamore
408	3133-2	OSCAR DAVY (IRE) (35) (BF) P Hobbs 8 11 2	R Johnson
409	256-60	REBECCAS CHOICE (IRE) (18) D Burchell 9 11 2	D Fahy
410	1400-1	WINGS OF SMOKE (IRE) (19) (D) T Vaughan 7 11 2	Michael Byrne (5)
411	42664-	DERWEN PRYDE (202) P Bowen 8 10 9	D O'Regan
412	24/P-0	SANITLY LAD (IRE) (176) P Bowen 7 10 9	D Devereux (3)
413	43205-	JACKIES SOLITAIRE (232) A Honeyball 4 10 0	Rachael Green (3)

BETTING: 7-2 Jackie's Solitaire, 4-1 Oscar Davy, 5-1 Celtus, 7-1 Mountainous, 8-1 Wings Of Smoke, 10-1 Jumps Road, Howard's Legacy, 16-1 Achimota, 20-1 others.

3.05 GROSVENOR CASINO SWANSEA HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 3). £9,000 added 4YO PLUS 3m Penalty Value £5,848.

501	30-00F	LE BEAU BAI (FR) (8) (D) R Lee 9 11 12	C Poste
502	12-321	WEEKEND MILLONAIR (IRE) (14) (C) D Pipe 5 11 10	T Scudamore
503	/121-5	SIBERIAN TIGER (IRE) (44) (C) E Williams 7 11 7	A Wedge (3)
504	212212	WAYWARD GLANCE (23) Jim Best 4 11 7	A P McCoy
505	00111-	VELATOR (233) (D) A Honeyball 5 11 5	Rachael Green (3)
506	04525-	STOW (268) (D) Miss R Curtis 7 10 0	P Corbett (10)
507	0150-3	WHAT ER SAY (19) (BF) J Scott 7 10 2	N Schofield
508	0-4F1F	TENBY JEWEL (IRE) (15) W Goldsworthy 7 10 12	R Johnson
509	/232-P	VALLEY LAD (IRE) (43) (C) P Evans 6 10 9	A Coleman
510	5/3534	CORSO PALLADIO (IRE) (20) (D) P Bowen 10 10 4	D Devereux (3)

BETTING: 5-2 Weekend Millionair, 4-1 Velator, 5-1 What Er Say, 6-1 Wayward Glance, 10-1 Stow, Tenby Jewel, 14-1 Corso Palladio, 16-1 Valley Lad, Le Beau Bai.

20-1 Siberian Tiger.

3.40 OYSTER POOLS AND JACUZZI RAGLAN HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 4). £6,000 added 4YO PLUS 3m Penalty Value £3,899.

601	052-PP	FISHOUTOFWATER (IRE) (6) (D) Miss R Curtis 8 11 12	A P McCoy
602	0060/2	QUALVIRO (FR) (31) T Vaughan 8 11 12	R Johnson
603	31100P	CAPTAIN SCARLETT (IRE) (28) (D) J Faint 6 11 7	D Fahy
604	/1F5P-	BOUNDS AND LEAPS (234) (D)(BF) M Scudamore 7 11 4	T Scudamore

605	003-43	NUMBERCRUNCHER (IRE) (28) P Evans 6 10 13	A Coleman
606	30-402	LADY KARINGA (10) Lucy Jones 7 10 13	C Poste
607	33-24P	TORNANT (IRE) (13) E Williams 6 10 10	A Wedge (3)

BETTING: 11-4 Fishoutofwater, 7-2 Lady Karinga, 5-1 Tornant, Qualviro, 6-1 Bounds And Leaps, 8-1 Numbercruncher, 14-1 Captain Scarlett.

4.10 WALTERS UK 'JUNIOR' STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS 6). £2,700 added 3YO only 1m 6f Penalty Value £1,754.

01		CASTLE BEACH (IRE) Miss R Curtis 10 12	A P McCoy
02		JOHN REEL (FR) P Evans 10 12	A Coleman
03		ICE TREES B Millman 10 5	Mr P Millman (7)
04		LADY LECTRA J Flint 10 5	T Flint (7)
05		NURSE'S BRACE D Brace 10 5	D Devereux (3)
06		PRINCESS ANNABELLE B Millman 10 5	N Schofield

BETTING: 4-5 Castle Beach, 5-2 John Reel, 10-1 Nurse Brace, 12-1 Lady Lectra, 14-1 Princess Annabelle, 20-1 Ice Tres.

LIMERICK

Sunday's runners

Going: Heavy

1.05 MARTINSTOWN OPPORTUNITY MAIDEN HURDLE. £10,417 added 4 to 5YO 2m Penalty Value EUR8600.

1	6/F-6	DIAMONDGEZER LUKE (IRE) (13) F Costello 5 11 12D E Splaine (4)	
2		ALPHA AND OMEGA (IRE) (F16) Charles Cokley 4 11 9 B F Cawley	(4)
3		BRAVE SOLDIER (IRE) J H Culloty 4 11 9	C D Maxwell
4	0-	BULLET STREET (IRE) (224) Martin Hassett 4 11 9	S J Hassett
5	36-	COLLEY ROW (IRE) (229) Mrs P Dobbs 4 11 9	M Enright (2)
6	4	COURAGEOUS CRY (IRE) (19) T Doyle 4 11 9	M P Burke (4)
7	0	CROWNED SUPREME (IRE) (4) P L Hughes 4 11 9	B R Dalton (2)
8	043-	FOOLISH NOTIONS (IRE) R Sweeney 4 11 9	M J Bolger
9	5053-3	GENTLEMAN DUKE (IRE) (21) (BF) A L Moore 4 11 9	G Malone (4)
10	DOU	GOODTIME BOY (IRE) (21) K Purcell 4 11 9	A F O'Neill (4)
11	F0-04	JONATHAN WILD (IRE) (50) E McNamara 4 11 9	R J Jones
12	0000	MAGUIRE'S GLEN (IRE) (15) Miss E Doyle 4 11 9	P D Kennedy (2)
13	5	SAMMY BLACK (GER) (14) A Mullins 4 11 9	B Hayes (4)
14	0030	GONE WRONG (IRE) (10) John Long 5 11 5	H D Dunne (4)
15	0/0-00	KAUTO MILL ROSE (FR) (19) David Kelly 5 11 5	K Sexton (4)
16	6FO	MILESTONE MISS (IRE) (10) T Doyle 5 11 5	D J Bates (2)

BETTING: 11-8 Gentleman Duke, 6-1 Sammy Black, 13-2 Jonathan Wild, 8-1 Colley Row, 14-1 Diamondgezer Luke, 16-1 Maguire's Glen, Brave Soldier, 25-1 Courageous Cry, Kauto Mill Rose, Alpha And Omega, Milestone Miss, Foolish Notions, Bullet Street, Goodtime Boy, 33-1 others.

1.35 LIMERICK RACECOURSE HANDICAP HURDLE (80-102). £6,667 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value EUR5500.

1	400511	DONT TELL PA (IRE) (28) (C)(D) J J Mangan 5 11 12	Miss J M Mangan (7)
2	265212	SHESONLYHORSE (IRE) (4) (D) M McDonagh 6 11 12R J Jones (3)	

3	004P32	NOBLE PAGEANT (IRE) (27) John Nellan 6 11 8	P F Mangan
4	0P64/0	DO THE BOOKIES (10) J J Hanlon 8 11 5	B Hayes (5)
5	S/0P-0	HENRIETTA'S WAY (IRE) (10) (D) Ronald O'Neill 9 11 5Mr J W O'Neill	(7)

6	645-00	MISSIE ELLA (IRE) (13) Denis Hogan 4 11 0	D G Hogan
7	213-F0	SENIOR AGAIN (IRE) (21) F Flood 6 10 13	M P Walsh
8	0F0060	CHEER TEL ME (IRE) (9) T Doyle 7 10 11	M P Burke (7)
9	060-00	MISS HANSOME (144) C Wilkinson 5 10 8	M Enright (8)

BETTING: 5-2 Senior Again, 3-1 Dont Tell Pa, 9-2 Shesonlyahorse, 5-1 Noble Pageant, 8-1 Do The Bookies, 12-1 Henrietta's Way, 14-1 Cheer Tel Me, 20-1 Missie Ella, 25-1 Miss Hansome.

2.10 WINTER WONDERLAND MAIDEN HURDLE. £3,333 added 5YO PLUS 2m 5f Penalty Value EUR6900.

1	5/	AGAMENNON (IRE) (1259) John Murphy 8 11 12	D E Splaine (5)
2	454033	COOLMILL (IRE) (7) D O'Shea 5 11 12	M P Walsh
3	04/0-5	FITZCARRALLO (IRE) (10) A J McNamara 7 11 12	M Darcy
4	0620-	FUTURAMIC (IRE) (253) A Lynch 5 11 12	K M Donoghue (3)
5	U43-65	STEADY ED (IRE) (11) J J Walsh 8 11 12	B T O'Connell
6	44-032	THE CRAFTY BUTCHER (IRE) (7) (BF) M Hourigan 5 11 12	A P Heskin

BETTING: 7-4 The Crafty Butcher, 3-1 Coolmill, 5-1 Fitzcarrallo, 11-2 Futuramic, 10-1 Agamemnon, 12-1 Vintage Supreme, Steady Ed.

2.40 NEWTON ABBOT RACES HANDICAP HURDLE (81-123). £12,083 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value EUR10000.

1	/33F-0	OUR GAR (IRE) (21) (D) Mrs P Dobbs 9 11 11	J L Cullen
2	23510-	A FINE YOUNG MAN (IRE) (217) M Hourigan 7 11 7	A P Heskin
3	101342	BARESI (IRE) (10) (D) John Long 7 11 5	H D Dunne (7)
4	1040-0	HANS CRESCENT (FR) (21) (C)(D) M Hourigan 7 11 5	M P Walsh

5	01400	MEDICINAL COMPOUND (49) E McNamara 5 11 3	R J Jones (3)
6	00-130	COLLS CORNER (IRE) (14) (C)(D) Michael Barry 9 11 0	P F Mangan
7	01FP/0	RINROE (IRE) (14) (D) P Gilligan 10 11 0	J J McCarthy (3)
8	U52/44	GLENUQUEST (IRE) (24) T O'Brien 9 10 10	P Townen
9	40300-	BONIFACIO (IRE) (248) (D) P G Kelly 8 10 8	S Bohan (3)
10	6-0S4P	CLOUGHMILE (IRE) (28) (C)(D) M Hourigan 9 10 8	B T O'Connor
11	60P032	RAHNEENWOOD (IRE) (7) (D) C Kidd 7 10 7	S G McDermott

SETTING: 7.2 **Rehanned:** 4.1 **Barci:** 1.1 **Claughmille:** A Fine Young

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